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# Break up of British Gas demanded by watchdog

More than two million small shareholders who were encouraged to invest in British Gas could be the losers if ministers decide to follow the advice of the regulator and split the company in two

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BRITISH Gas, one of the government's most successful privatisations, should be broken up into two companies, according to Sir James McKinnon, the government's

own regulator. Sir James, who has repeatedly clashed with British Gas management, says in a report to the Monopolies and Merg-ers Commission that the split is essential to ensure effective

competition. The report is certain to provoke a furious reaction today in Whitehall and the City. Shares in British Gas are

expected to fall as the City absorbs the significance of Sir James's judgment and the government will be concerned at the effect on its declared intention to encourage wider share ownership. Any split

may conflict with the terms of

proposals would amount to a breach of faith with shareholders. "We believe that the terms ing several years ago," Ofgas

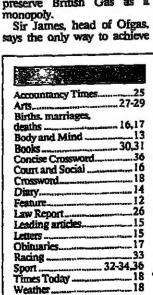
chairman, fought the Thatcher government hard to



the sale prospectus and damage share values. The company's 2.1 million shareholders might then be persuaded to threaten court action. Ofgas, the regulatory body,

rejects suggestions that its of the offer for sale ceased to have any legal or moral stand-

British Gas has always op-posed the break up of the industry. Sir Denis Rooke, its preserve British Gas as a



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effective competition is to split the £11.4 billion company. "We do not believe that competition in gas supply will flourish until the transportation and storage business is wholly independent from the British Gas trading business,"

says the Ofgas report, to be published today.

Dividing the company would be expected to cost perhaps hundreds of millions of pounds. British Gas shares closed down 2p last night at

Robert Evans, the British Gas chairman, said last night: While the gas business is under review, it is totally inappropriate for public state-ments to be made. We shall continue to discuss these matters with the MMC."

If ministers were to reject the regulator's recommendations, contained in evidence to a Monopolies and Mergers Commission enquiry into the gas market, the government's commitment to market forces rould come under attack

In its own submissions to the enquiry. British Gas still rejects the idea of a break up. But, after pressure from Ofgas, the company has already begun to develop a system of separate accounting for its transmission business. Sir James maintains that this is not enough to resolve the conflict between the company's role as a supplier and as a carrier, delivering gas supplies to businesses on behalf of

He believes the conflict of interest is becoming increas-ingly critical as British Gas's share of the gas market is eroded. Helped by Ofgas, some 30 rival suppliers, including many international oil companies, are now selling directly to commercial and industrial companies in Britain and, in time, householders might be able to chose a

supplier.
Despite the small fall in the British Gas share price yesterday, shareholders have seen their investment double from a price of 135p when the issue was launched in 1986.



Brave smiles: Norma Major with two winners of Children of Courage awards at Westminister Abbey. Nicholas Killen, 7, left, was blinded by cancer and Daniel Churchill, 5, has a heart complaint. Page 3

## Washington lists genocide suspects

BY MICHAEL EVANS AND JAMIE DETTMER

LAWRENCE Eagleburger, the US Secretary of State. vesterday came close to naming Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, as a war criminal guilty of crimes

against humanity.

Speaking in Geneva to the international conference on the former Yugoslavia, he listed seven Serbs suspected of being involved in genocide, including Borislav Herak, who had confessed to killing more than 230 civilians.

However, he said there was also political responsibility for these crimes against humanity. Mr Milosevic, Radovan Karadzic, the self-declared president of the Bosnian Serb republic, and General Ratko Mladic, commander of the Serb forces in Bosnia, should eventually explain, if charged with war crimes, what action they took "to prevent and punish the atrocities". There was a call for setting

up an international war

Hurd, the foreign secretary, said he agreed. Among the

crimes listed by Mr Eagle-

tribunal. Douglas

burger were the siege of Sarajevo, in which scores of civil-ians were killed nearly every

day by artillery shells.

Mr Eagleburger's challenge
to the Serbian leadership came as voices were raised during the conference to lift the UN arms ban to help the Muslims and to enforce the "no-fly" zone. Mr Eagleburger, who said

Washington supported both moves, accused the Serbian leaders of being reckless and breaking all agreements. The international community must contemplate "more agressive measures", he said. Mr Hurd remained opposed. however, to lifting the arms embargo and raised doubts about the practicalities of enforcing the "no-fly" zone. John Major will consult his cabinet colleagues over the

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war today, only hours before

flying to America and talks

with President Bush about the

## **Britain** loses 7,000 more jobs

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN lost another 7,000 jobs yesterday when Ford, the motor manufacturer, and Birmingham city council announced large-scale redundancies. The moves came on the eve of fresh figures to be published today that will show an increase of some 30,000 in the number out of work, taking seasonally-adjusted unemployment to close to 2.9 million.

As part of Europe wide job cuts of 10,000, Ford yesterday said that almost 4,200 jobs will go in the UK. In what is likely to be the first of a series of announcements from local authorities as they prepare their budgets for next year, Birmingham said that it is cutting 3,000 jobs to save £40 million. Trade unions in the UK warned that they would ballot their members on industrial action if Ford tried to make any of the redundancies

## **BCCI** chief will be extradited

By Angela Macray and Christopher Elliott

into the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International has taken a significant step forward with the French decision to extradite Syed Ziauddin Ali Akbar, the driving force behind BCCI's operation's in Britain, The Times has learned that the justice ministry in Paris made a decision to send him to Britain rather than to America, where he is also wanted.

The formal signing of the extradition decree by Michel Vanzelle, the French minister of justice, and Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister, is expected to take place before the end of the month. Serious Fraud Office officials are delighted by the decision, but will say only that nothing has been completed and will not be until the decree is signed. They are extremely concerned that any comment might prejudice the final moves.

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However, Mr Akbar's extradinor marks a watershed in
the investigation which began
18 months ago, when BCCI
collapsed and several hillion

missing. It is the largest banking fraud in history. The SFO is estimated to have spent £10 million so far, but has charged only three other people.

The SFO has been criticised for not acting quickly enough to prevent several key figures leaving Britain. They have gone mainly to Pakistan, which does not have an extradition treaty with Britain, and to Abu Dhabi, where the government has detained 18 executives including two chief executives of the bank. The

Abu Dhabi government is the biggest shareholder.
The BCCI Group was founded in 1972 by Agha Hasan Abedi with capital mainly obtained from Arab investors. Mr Akbar was the treasurer of the bank in London between 1979 and 1984 but did not leave BCC1 until 1986. He is now in prison at Longuenesse, near Calais, where he was arrested earlier this year at the request of the Americans.

Fraud Office wins, page 5

## **Thousands** evacuated as bombs shut Oxford St

By Stewart Tendler and Peter Victor

THE IRA again struck in the heart of London's West End yesterday, planting two bombs among thousands of Christmas shoppers in Oxford Street. Four people are believed to have been injured. Police said that the IRA was playing "an ob-scene game" by telephoning warnings that were deliberately inaccurate.

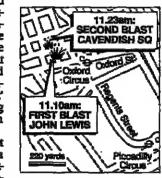
The attacks were launched on the day that Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, made a fresh plea for an end to the violence. In a moderately worded speech at the University of Ulster, Sir Patrick said that if Britain took a unilateral decision to leave Northern Ireland, the province might one day face the fate of Yugoslavia. He said that the Yugoslav tragedy had "created a fresh understanding here that 'Brits out' means the ethnic deansing one million human

The first Oxford Street bomb, containing about a pound of explosive, detonated in the third-floor gentlemen's lavatory of the John Lewis department store at 11.10am. While police were device expoded in a wheeled rubbish bin in Cavendish Square, immediately behind

Commander David Tucker, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, said that three coded messages had been received, warning of a device in a store in Oxford Street. "The warnings were for one device and there was no mention of John Lewis, or a second device." When one of the telephonists who took the calls asked if the warning could be more precise, she was told: "That's for you to find out,"

The calls, with code words, were made between 10.36 and 10.40 to LBC radio, a travel agent and a news-paper. Mr Tucker said that the caller, who claimed to be from the IRA, said that the bomb was due to go off in 15 minutes. Police had been left with an impossible time scale, he said.

Almost half of Oxford Street and many side streets were closed for nearly four hours at the height of the



working day as police checked for further bombs and evacuated thousands of shoppers to ignore the bombers' attempts to disrupt commercial life.

Bill Melly, of the Oxford Street Traders' Association, said later that the bombings would mean heavy financial losses. "I hope people won't be frightened," he said. "I think that the public gets cross when people try to frighten them and they will just say: 'Stuff it. I'm going shopping.'

Mayhew warning, page 3



## £1 m-a-week jackpot offered in reform of gambling rules

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A WEEKLY £1 million jackpot prize will be offered as bait to buyers of national lottery tickets under the government scheme to be unveiled by Peter Brooke, the national heritage

secretary, today. In addition to the big "lotto" prizes, the public will be able to buy scratch cards for as little as 50p with the chance of winning smaller instant prizes.

A bill published today will relax regulations on lotteries and competitions run by charities as a concession by Mr Brooke to voluntary bodies, which fear they will lose out to the national lottery.

Mr Brooke will announce restrictions on the sort of games run under the national lottery so that people are tempted to have "a bit of fun"

without risking becoming addicted to gambling. For instance, the bodies running the lottery will not be allowed to run accumulative games, such as one-armed bandits.

The lottery, scheduled to start in 1994, is expected to raise £2 billion a year initially. possibly rising to £4 billion, for sport, the arts, heritage and charitable causes. Although the bill will not spell out details of games, it will set the framework for running the lottery

and distributing profits. Two key issues have not yet been settled. Mr Brooke will test the mood of MPs before deciding what action, if any, to take to appease the pools industry, which predicts that it

The bill is expected to be fought bitterly in the Commons and the Lords by those disliking state-operated gambling or worried about the fate of the pools industry.

□ Economists and politicians are looking to the Irish lottery as a potential model for the UK (Alison Roberts writes). Since its launch in 1987, the

million for good causes. Its law. He told MPs in a written sophisticated computer system reply: "I have considered whether I should also take allows competitors to buy a ticket at 7.45pm and watch action to enforce the law but I the draw on television at have decided that the public 8.05pm, adding to excitement. In France and Italy, most of the lottery money goes James Couchman, Tory MP for Gillingham, who is a



Limelight: Sir Richard Attenborough, director of Chaplin, chosen for the 1992 royal film performance last night, poses with the statue of the little trampReview, page 27

## **Europe rules that** Sunday laws stand

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Clarke faced pressure from MPs of all parties last night to clear up the chaos in the Sunday trading laws after the European Court ruled that Britain's antiquated laws banning most Sunday shopping can stand.

Senior ministers hope that yesterday's ruling, which means that councils can contime to prosecute, will mean that the home secretary's promised legislation can be

speeded up.

Mr Clarke, who favours complete liberalisation of the law, is to table three possible legislative options for change. and allow MPs to decide which one to go for in a free vote. They are complete deregulation, as in Scotland: wide deregulation as favoured by the Shopping Hours Reform Council; and limited change favoured by the Keep Sunday Special Campaign.
Ministers reacted cautiously

to the ruling. The Attorney General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, set out the legal position that cases can proceed and summonses be issued. But he and

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other ministers declined to exhort traders to observe the

leading campaigner for re-form, said last night that Sunday shopping had become a normal British weekend activity. "The sooner we have a sensible law which reflects this, the better," he said.

Mr Couchman has tabled a bill allowing all-day opening for shops under 3,000 sq ft. with larger stores able to trade for part of the day. He said: "As a piece of legislation, the 1950 Shops Act is far from satisfactory. It is unworkable and unpopular and should be

Mr Clarke has been waiting for the ruling before pressing on with his bill. Colleagues believe that he will be pressed for it to come in as early as

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## Ford to shed a further 4,200 jobs

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

FORD led a new round of job cuts in Britain yesterday as it announced that almost 4,200 jobs are to go. At the same time, Birmingham city council said it was cutting 3,000 jobs to stay within government financial guidelines.

tery. He is not convinced that

pools supporters will switch en

masse to buying lottery tickets,

but he is likely to relax

regulations on advertising

and selling pools coupons.

Mr Brooke and the Trea-

sury have not settled the rate of

tax to be levied on lottery.

although negotiators talk of between 10 and 20 per cent.

Robert Key, the junior min-ister, has been at pains to

placate charities by promising

that they stand to gain from the lottery. He made clear to

them recently that the funda-mental principle behind the lottery is to add to the pot of

money available to improving

the quality of life of the nation

ing people a sense of national identity and national pride.

Irish lottery has raised £350

and which goes towards giv-

Both sets of job losses came as the government readied itself to announce today a further increase in overall unemployment. New figures to be disclosed this morning are expected by City analysts to

add a further 30,000 to the number out of work, although today's figures will not include any of the recent large-scale job losses announced in the past few weeks.

Ford said that almost 10,000 jobs - 7,200 bluecollar and more than 2,500 white-collar staff - would go from its plants spread across Europe. Germany will bear the brunt of the losses because of the sharp downturn in car

John Hougham. Ford per-sonnel director, said that after the redundancies "Ford will be ready to lead this industry out of the recession".

Ford blamed the redundancies largely on falling car sales. The company told trade unions yesterday that it believed the car market in the UK would be "totally flat" next year, with around 1.55 million cars sold. Ford is taking a pessimistic line about car sales across Europe. It is forecasting only 12 million cars sold next year, much lower than most in

the industry. Ford's two biggest British factories at Dagenham in Essex and Halewood on Merseyside will bear the brunt of the curbacks, which are the third wave of redundancies at the company in the past year. Dagenham will shed 660 staff with up to 520 at Halewood, where there were fears that the plant would be closed entirely.

Jim Thomas, national officer of the MSF technical union said: "Our members are paying the price for a recession they did not create."

In what is likely to be the first of a wave of local authority announcements as they set their budgets for the coming year, Birmingham city council said it would have to cut 3,000 jobs to make savings of £40

The council said it hoped many of the employees likely to be affected would take voluntary redundancy or early retirement, and Sir Richard Knowies, council leader, said he hoped education and frontline council services would be protected from the most severe cuts. He said the government's financial limit on the council, which employs 54,000 full and part-time workers, put it in a "horrendous" position and would mean a cut in services. All job recruitment, except in schools, is being

## Toyota's chairman is backing Britain

AS THE first car rolled off the production line at Toyota's new £700 million factory at Burnaston, Derbyshire, yesterday, the chairman of the Japanese car-making com-pany pledged his firm's commitment to Britain as its manufacturing centre for the

rest of Europe.
Dr Shoichiro Toyoda said the concern expressed by other car companies, including Nissan, about the UK's future in the EC was unfounded. The

car industry in Britain had a bright future, he insisted. Toyota's new factory will produce around 36,000 cars next year, and 100,000 in 1994. The plant is capable of

Toyota UK Ltd now employs 1,100 people at Burnaston, between Derby and Burton on Trent, Staffordshire. Another 600 people will be hired by early 1994 and the company plans an company said.

eventual labour force of 3,000. Initially the Burnaston plant will make Carina E family saloons, three-quarters of

them for export.
Engines will be supplied from Toyota's £140 million plant at Deeside, North Wales, which started production in September. plants have hit record production levels this year, the com-

pany said yesterday.
At Ellesmere Port, production of the Astra exceeded the previous record of 125,762 vehicles, set in 1990, while production of the Cavalier at Luton production passed the 165,445 mark, the third

Vauxhall UK sales were up 6.4 per cent this year but it was exports, which accounted for 36 per cent of total production that "cushioned us from the worst effects of the decline in the domestic market", the

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Minister says beach verdict is irrelevant

The government yesterday dismissed as an "irrelevant technicality" an opinion from the European Court of Justice in Linembourg that the bathing waters off Blackpool and Southport do not meet EC health and safety standards. Speaking at a meeting of environment ministers in Brussels.

David MacLean, junior environment minister, said the row with Brussels over Blackpool beach was "past history."

Although the opinion of Otto Lenz, the EC advocategeneral, is not legally binding, such preliminary judgments of the court are backed up by its final verdicts in two out of three cases. The final judgment will be given early next year. The Commission's case against the government goes back to 1987, when Brussels first objected to the raw sewage being

pumped into the sea off Blackpool. At a preliminary hearing on the case in Linembourg in October, the government came up with the novel defence that at the time it did not classify Blackpool as a beach. The government argued that for an area of sand to be classified as a beach it needed 500 bathers in the sea at any one time. or a density of 1,500 bathers per mile.

## Aids tests increased

Pregnant women attending ante-natal clinics in areas where HIV infection rates are high are to be offered Aids tests. Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, said. More testing centres are to be set up to improve checks on the progress of centres are to be set up to improve checks on the progress of the disease. In new guidelines issued to health authorities, Mrs Bottomley said that obtaining an HIV test should be made easier. The tests should be available in health centres and hospital outpatient departments. The guidelines apply mainly to inner London health authorities, where infection rates are highest. HIV-positive rates in some London antenatal clinics range from one in 1,000 women to one in 200. natal clinics range from one in 1,000 women to one in 200. Tracing partners of those infected is also to be improved.

### Police bullies criticised

Detectives who investigated the murder of a Cardiff prostitute were condemned by the Lord Chief Justice prostitute were condemned by the Lord Chief Justice yesterday for bullying and hectoring one of the suspects into confessing involvement in the killing. Lord Taylor of Gosforth was giving the Court of Appeal's reasons for freeing last week three men. Stephen Miller, Tony Paris and Yusef Abdullahi, who were jailed for life for the murder of Lynette White in 1988. Officers of South Wales police were also said to have shorted at the men what they wanted him also said to have shouted at the man what they wanted him to say rather than questioning him. A solicitor who was present at some of the interviews had been "gravely at fault" for failing to intervene to protect the interests of his client.

## Beatles claim rejected

The three surviving Beatles lost their High Court claim yesterday for ownership of hundreds of photographs taken to produce the cover of the Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album. The court ruled that copyright in 239 pictures belonged not to the Beatles but to the son of the photographer who took them. Apple Corps Ltd. owned jointly by Paul McCartney, George Harrison, Ringo Starr and the estate of John Lennon, had sought a declaration that they owned the copyright of the unused pictures taken by Michael Cooper. Judge Micklem ruled that in holding the 239 photos Mr Cooper's son Adam, 29, had not caused any copyright infringement. Leading article, page 15

## Killers still free

The killers of a postman shot while on holiday in Florida are still at large, an inquest was told yesterday. Keith Thompson, 42, of Chelmsford, Essex, was murdered in front of his francée and two friends when he refused to hand over cash to two muggers in his hotel car park in Orlando. Ann Sole, his fiancée, said that they had booked into the hote and were unloading their luggage when two black men came out of the shadows brandishing a gun and demanded: "Give us the money." Miss Sole, 34, said: "I saw Keith was angry. He was not aggressive, he just said 'No way.' " Dr Malcolm Weir, the Essex coroner, recorded a verdict of unlawful

#### McDonald's joins police

McDonald's, the burger chain, has begun discussions with Scotland Yard to sponsor research on crime and the drug crack and to work with police on campaigns among young people to stop drug abuse. An approach to the company arose from a Yard study into ways of reducing the street arose from a varu study into ways of reducing the street drug scene in London using current resources. Commercial sponsorship would allow the police to organise research without biting into funds or manpower. The study team's other ideas include creation of a unit of undercover detectives trained to buy drugs from street dealers and arrest them in a "buy-and-bust strategy". The team believes that detection may concentrate too much on leading dealers.

## Snow covers Highlands

More than a foot of snow fell in the Highlands yesterday making driving conditions hazardous and disrupting rail and air travel in the North and North East. Police in the Highland region advised motorists not to travel as snow blanketed Aviemore, Inverness and Aberdeen. The AA said that a number of main roads were blocked. About 16,000 households were without electricity in Scotland following damage to power lines. But the conditions are good news for skiers. All five Scottish centres reported good snow on the hills and although there was no skiing yesterday it was hoped that all would be opened by the weekend. Weather.

## Burns attack charges

Two people were charged last night in connection with the attack on Susanne Capper, 16, who was found wandering naked on Tuesday with burns to 70 per cent of her body. A spokeswoman for Greater Manchester police said that charges against four others were imminent. All six — four men and two women — will appear before Manchester city magistrates this morning. Police say that the six, who are aged between 16 and 28 and include a boy aged 16, will face charges of kidnap and attempted murder.

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## Education 'fails to meet nation's needs'

By JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

STANDARDS of literacy and numeracy in British schools are too low to meet the needs of a modern economy, the independent National Commission on Education

reports today.

Although less than 1 per cent of adults are considered illiterate, reading standards among seven-year-olds fell during the late 1980s for the first time since the second war. In the 11-15 age group, there has been little change since 1945. Only in the period around 1950 and in the early 1980s did this age group progress.

The commission was established with a El million grant from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation after the Prince of Wales and Sir Claus Moser, warden of Wadham

College, Oxford, expressed concern about basic educational standards. A final report is due next autumn.

Today's evaluation, carried out by staff at the National Foundation for Educational Research, found British pupils ahead of their counterparts in other countries on geometry and statistics. But other industrialised countries had a lead in number skills, including the use of multiplication tables.

Standards of numeracy had dropped between 1982 and 1987. Britain had been left with a wider spread of attainment than other countries because of the gulf at the bottom end of the ability range. Standards have not fallen, however, as far as media reports often suggest, according to the report by Derek Foxman, Tom Gorman and Greg Brooks. The research

easts doubt on the common assumption that I million adults are functionally illiterate.

The report blames much of the recent controversy about standards on the lack of effective monitoring. It calls for regular and effective checks and argues that the government's national curriculum tests will not suffice. Public examination results, such as those published by the government last month, will not produce reliable indications of trends, the researchers say.

☐ Record numbers of students have joined teacher training courses. John Patten, the education secretary, announced yesterday. The education department's annual survey shows a 97 per cent increase over 1983, when figures were first kept in their current form,

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## Mayhew draws 'hideous warning of ethnic cleansing' from Yugoslavian conflict

## 'Million would be driven from Ulster if troops are withdrawn'

The Northern Ireland Secretary says Protestants would be driven out if Britain withdrew and that an end to IRA violence could transform the administration of justice

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SIR Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, gave a warning yesterday that "ethnic deansing" would come to Northern Ireland if Britain took a unilateral decision to leave the province.

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Delivering a speech at the University of Ulster at Coleraine, co. Londonderrry, about the same time that the IRA detonated three bombs in London, Sir Patrick said people who favoured a British withdrawal should take ac-count of the "hideous warn-ing" which the Yugoslav conflict provides.

He said Yugoslavia has "created a fresh understanding here that, properly under-stood, 'Brits Out' means the ethnic deansing of a million human beings

Sir Patrick seemed to be suggesting that with Britain gone, Roman Catholics would drive the one million Protestants out of Ireland, whereas many analysis predict the exact opposite, with the Protes-tants expelling Catholics from the north as part of the creation of a new independent

Sir Patrick's comments came in a speech on culture and identity in Northern Ireland which annoyed Unionists, who saw it as dangerously lop-sided in favour of a nationalist perspective on the Irish problem. Like his predecessor, Peter Brooke, Sir Patrick said that Britain had no selfish or ulterior motive for remaining in Ulster, and was there only because a majority wished it to

He appealed to the IRA and Sinn Fein to end their campaign of violence. This would

which would have profound consequences for the maintenance of law and order, and for the administration of

He described the aspiration to unity as no less legitimate than unionism, a cause which Britain was "warmly, solemnly and steadfastly" honouring. He said a united Ireland was a political ideal which had inspired many fine patriots like Daniel O'Connell, Charles Parnell and Joe Devlin.

Sir Patrick added: "Her Majesty's government would never try to impede any body of opinion in working to achieve a place for Northern Ireland within a united Ireland, provided they work only by democratic and peaceful means.

In response, Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, issued a statement describing Sir Patrick's remarks as typical of an approach by Britain which he said had created political conflict in Ireland for generations. Mr Adams called for a new dialogue and negotiation which would include Sinn Fein.lan Paisley, the Democratic Unionist Party leader, said he was shocked by the speech which he said was weighted heavily in favour of republicanism.

☐The Government has appointed Sir Louis Blom-Cooper QC as the first independent Commissioner for the three RUC interroga-

tion centres in the province.

The announcement follows vears of criticism by human rights organisations and some local politicians about the treatment of suspects in centres, particularly at Castlecreate a new environment reagh, Belfast





On full alert: police cordoning off Oxford Street yesterday, top, as drinkers are encouraged to console themselves with a glass of wine. Right, a shopper waiting for the all-clear after two blasts, in the John Lewis store and Cavendish Square, left four people injured

## Ballot box failure drives IRA to fresh violence

THE IRA's pre-Christmas bombing campaign in Britain is further evidence that the Provisionals have moved away from a dual political and military strategy to one focused on violence alone (Edward Gorman writes).

In the 1970s, the IRA mounted a similar bombing campaign on the mainland in a fruitless effort to achieve a

ginning a dual strategy in the 1980s with Sinn Fein, its political wing. Ten years later it has become obvious to republican leaders that the so-called "Armalite and ballot box" approach has failed. Sinn Fein attracts only about 10 per cent of the nationalist and republican vote in Northem Ireland.

Observers have been saying political objective, before be- for some time that this failure London and other British

has now been absorbed by the leadership in Dublin, which has decided to go all-out on a military strategy to try to force Britain to the negotiating table, regardless of the political consequences. IRA violence has to be conspicuous, expen-sive in terms of the damage it causes, and must attract as much publicity as possible. Hence the increasing focus on

cities. The Provisionals will have been encouraged by signs that the bombs are beginning to hurt economically, with insurers calling on the government to underwrite the

terrorism risk.
The handful of men behind the campaign, the so-called General Headquarters staff in Dublin, joined the Provisionals in the early 1970s. They

foresaken planting bombs and pulling triggers for working on strategy and tactics.

Their motivation remains the unification of Ireland by force and the establishment of a socialist, unitary state. They believe that Britain will never leave unless forced to: that they are slowly winning; and that the long war will eventually exhaust Britain's patience

## White cliffs of Dover sold off to tourists

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THERE were no bluebirds over the white diffs of Dover yesterday, but, at the foot of England's mightiest bulwark against foreign aggression, a new species was spotted - the flightless rock scavenger.

Lumps of the proud chalk are being collected by a company operating under a mining licence and are being sold for £3.50p in sealed ring-pull cans. Several hundred of them have been bought at the £14 million council-owned White Cliffs Experience, which records the history of the positions are included. nation's principal front-line

The chalk rocks are being promoted as "the ultimate alternative gift for Christmas" and there are plans for them to be marketed worldwide with certificates of authenticity.

Although the chalk pieces for sale come from falls from the cliffs or unsafe sections, the entrepreneurial venture has incurred the wrath of Dame Vera Lynn and the

National Trust.
Dame Vern, whose 1941 record, "The White Cliffs of Dover", helped to raise morale during Britain's darkest days, said: "It's a funny thing to sell. If the rocks sell well to the Americans, that could be the thin end of the wedge so far as the cliffs are concerned."

The National Trust, which has owned more than 700 acres of the cliffs since 1928, wants the trade stopped, even though the rocks are collected from stretches belonging to the local authority. Warren Davis, the trust's spokesman. said: "Even though there may appear to be a lot of bits on the beach, if there's a craze in which a lot of people buy them there could be quite an effect."

Paul Pinnock, chairman of

White Cliffs Country Tourism Association and manager of the White Cliffs Experience, said: "All we are selling are the pieces of chalk which have to be removed for safety reasons. We are not actually hacking away at the white cliffs. There is no need for the National Trust to feel huffy."

Chris Lean, spokesman for Dover District Council, said: "What is being sold is similar to tins of London smog. That sort of thing has been going on a long time."

## Nude statue bears scars of sex war

BY TOM RHODES

A NUDE woman cast in steel which graces the staircase of the new library at King's College, Cambridge, has fallen foul of "politically correct" students. The sculpture has been so defaced that college elders have been forced to sanction its removal.

However, the black and white sculpture must remain in place for the time being despite its face having been hacked with a knife and its body covered in pieces of paper. Building regulations dictate that the staircase, lead-ing from the first to the second floors of the newly renovated library, must have a proper balustrade to prevent acti-dents. The statue forms part of the balustrade and cannot be taken away until a suitable replacement has been found.

Tristan Rees Roberts, its designer, whose firm has been restoring the chapel at King's, was able to retrieve certain sculptures from the chapel to be used on the library staircase. "But we ran out and so decided to make our own. This was the preferred of the designs that I presented to the

college," he said yesterday. Insiders believe it is the feminist lobby within King's which has taken particular offence to the construction but, as is so often the case, the college itself is not prepared to lend any credence to such a

## Mackay announces quick libel remedy to bypass juries

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE Lord Chancellor yesterday announced reforms in the way libel complaints are tack-led, including new speedy and simple machinery in which a judge, not a jury, will decide

The reforms are likely to lead to large numbers of smaller libel actions being settled much more quickly and cheaply and without the in-volvement of juries.

Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, said that he in-

tended to set up a summary procedure under which people wishing to clear their names and claim libel damages up to a fixed ceiling could put their case to a High Court judge. This idea, recommended by the Court of Appeal judge Lord Justice Hoffmann. would help those "seeking speedy and economic dispos-als of defamation claims". Lord Mackay said in a parlia-

mentary answer. It would apply when moderate damages and an apology or correction would be sufficient and the plaintiff believes there is no defence. The aim is to give plaintiffs a chance to gain an immediate correction. and a relatively small sum in compensation, and to give defendants the chance to dispose quickly and cheaply of relatively trivial claims. Lord Mackay also an-

normed other reforms, including a new "offer of amends" procedure where newspapers accept they have mistakenly made a damaging statement. He said that the offer of amends" defence would enable newspapers to "curtail proceedings by mak-ing an offer" where they recognised that a plaintiff had been defamed and deserved

an apology and where they were willing to pay damages assessed by a judge. Alastair Brett, company solicitor of Times Newspapers, said that the package was good for plaintiffs and news-papers. "The offer of amends" defence will weed out genuine complainants from gold-diggers, while the summary scheme will enable plaintiffs to obtain rapid redress and stop delaying tactics by newspa-pers," he said. Lord Mackay said that some

reforms required legislation. The "offer of amends" reform was recommended in a report on defamation last year by a working party under Lord Justice Neill. Other of its proposals to be adopted in-clude abolishing the rule preventing defendants from proving specific discreditable acts in minigation of damages and reducing the limitation period (for bringing actions) in general to one year.

## **Aerobics** instructor vanishes

By KATE ALDERSON

POLICE launched a huge hunt yesterday for an aerobics instructor, Joanna Grenside of Harpenden. Hertfordshire, who they fear may have been

Divers and a helicopter are involved in the search, which began after Miss Grenside, 25, was reported missing on Tuesday night. She failed to arrive for a fitness class at Harpers Leisure Centre, Harpenden, and her car was found abandoned with her belongings, including a rape alarm, strewn nearby.

Chief Inspector Roger How of Hertfordshire police said: There is no reason for her to have disappeared. We are viewing the case with great

Miss Grenside left her home at 6.55pm on Tuesday for the two-minute drive to the leisure centre. When she failed to arrive her boyfriend, who works at the centre, called the police. Her blue Ford Escort Ghia was found locked in a public car park nearby. In the car park the potice found Miss Grenside's rape alarm, which she had bought from the Suzy

Lamphigh Trust.

Miss Grenside is described as slim. 5ft 2in with dark brown shoulder-length hair. She was wearing a blue anomal and trackeril buttons with rak and tracksuit bottoms with a green Harpers sweatshirt. Police say she was not carrying any money or credit cards.

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WE COULDN'T CARE

## Sightless boy, 7, joins roll of courage

By Julia Liewellyn Smith

NICHOLAS Killen, the seven-year-old who lost both his eyes because of cancer, was named one of this year's Children of Courage in an award ceremony at

Westminster Abbey yesterday. Nicholas, one of seven children who received a medal from Norma Major, was showered with toys from well-wishers after he had his right eye removed last July to stop the cancer that had already claimed his left eye. But three months ago all his gifts were lost in a fire that destroyed his family's home in

Saltaire, West Yorkshire. Nicholas attended a carol service at the abbey followed by a Children of Courage

10 Downing Street. Despite meeting the prime minister's wife and stars such as Michael Crawford, he said: "The best thing about today was touching the Christmas tree in Westminster Abbey." His mother Susan, who brought five of her seven children to the ceremony, said:

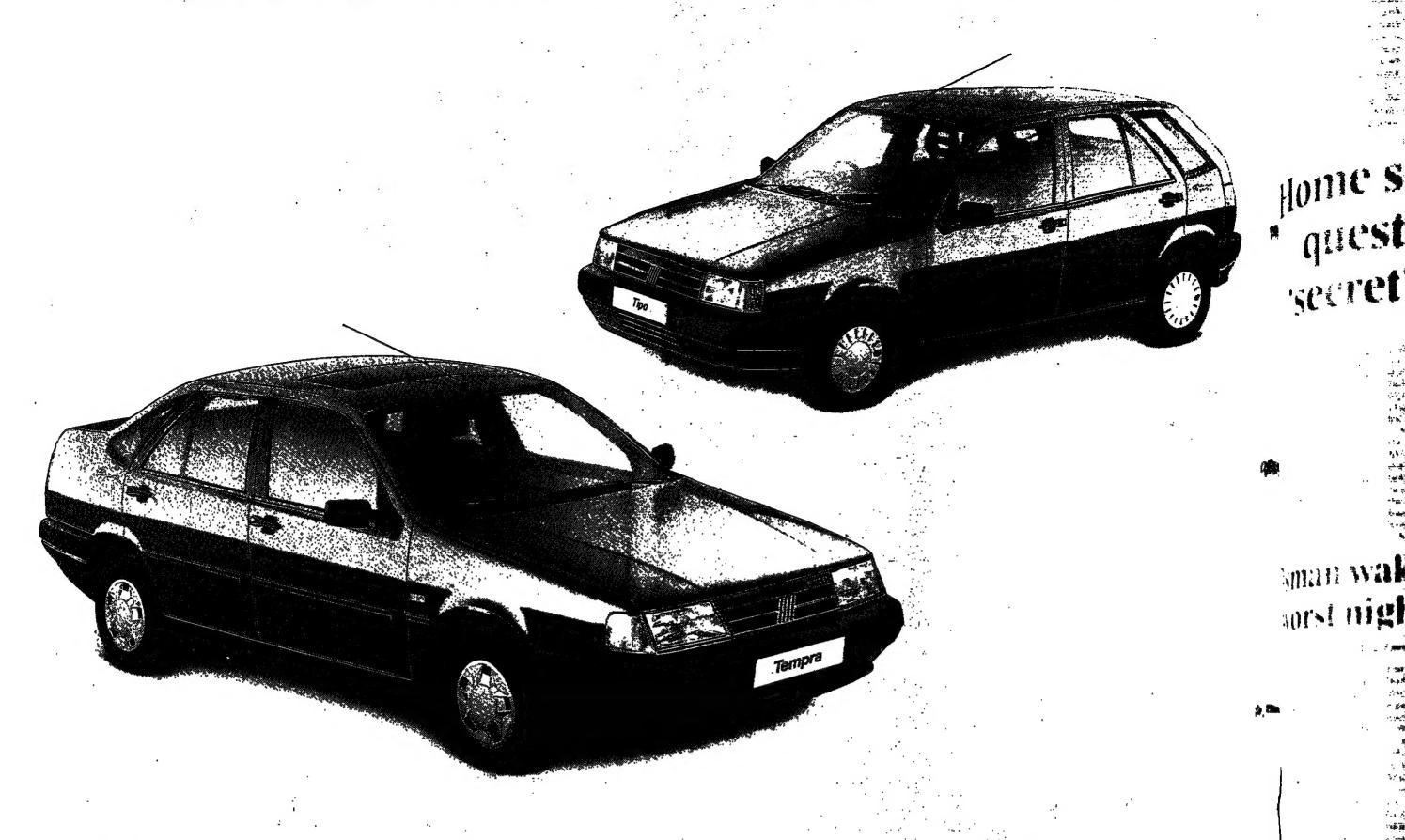
'He's a fantastic lad." Another award-winner was Rachel Lambert, 7, from Barnsley, South York-shire, whose parents believe she saved the life of her four-year-old brother Ryan when he was attacked by a rottweiler. Rachel, who was in hospital for a week after being bitten on the arm and leg, said people should not be afraid of dogs "because they're not all bad". Her

hunch at the House of Lords and a visit to mother Katherine said: "Sometimes she has nightmares, but she has no idea how courageous she was that day."
Daniel Churchill, 5, of Sinfin, Derby,

has had a serious heart complaint since birth and his parents were told he could die at any time. He has had four major operations and a pacemaker fitted, but his mother Wendy, 26, said: "He's just a normal, cheeky little boy. When he doesn't want to go to bed, he plays with his pacemaker." Hassan and Hussem Salih, 6, from Hounslow, west London. were born joined at the trunk with one pair of legs between them but were separated in a 15-hour operation.

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## Investigators win fight to extradite former BCCI treasury man

By Angela Mackay and CHRISTOPHER ELLIQIT

SYED Ziauddin Ali Akbar's extradition has been campaigned for by British authorities anxious to bring a case against a central figure who allegedly organised a series of transactions over several years to

disguise BCCI's collapsing finances. Almost 18 months after the bank was shut down, no convictions have been obtained here against any of the key figures. The Serious Fraud Office has been denied interviews with 18 former executives being detained in Abu Dhabi. Other senior figures - including the bank's founder, Agha Hasan Abedi have taken refuge in Pakistan,

which does not have an extradition treaty with Britain.

So far, the SFO has made three arrests while at the same time waging a legal battle to have Mr Akbar returned to Britain to stand trial over allegations of false accounting to create the illusion of profitability

Mr Akbar, a Pakistani and a British national, ran the bank's central treasury division in Britain from 1979 until 1984 when BCCI's treasury operations lost a total of £633 million. While he does not feature as a central figure in Lord Justice Bingham's recent enquiry into the supervision of the bank, Price Waterhouse, BCCI's auditors, delivered a long explanation of his

alleged activities in a report to the Bank of England in June 1991.

Price Waterhouse suggested Mr Akbar used several techniques ranging from misappropriation of deposits to creating false loans to fund and conceal the true nature of the bank's losses. Mr Akbar was also responsible for BCCI's Grand Cayman branch which managed the accounts of several significant customers and shareholders.

BCCI had branches in more than 60 countries. The bank was divided in two - one half registered in Luxembourg and the other in the Cayman Islands, where financial reporting standards are relaxed. Apart from allegations of money laundering, arms smuggling and

terrorist affiliations, the bank's se-nior management ran an intricate scam worth tens of billions of dollars that deceived the world's banking regulators for more than a decade.

The bank was also involved in commodity dealing through its Treasury division. Capital Commodity Dealers was the vehicle. Mr Akhar is widely described as the creative force behind Capcom. However, he did not become a shareholder or a director until 1987, one year after he left the bank in 1984 and 1985, a substantial proportion of the the bank's futures and foreign exchange business was conducted through

The broker's dealings with BCCI

ceased at about the time Mr Akbar joined the firm full-time, but, under his management, Capcom appeared to flourish. Mr Akbar resigned from Capcom in October 1988, when he was arrested and charged with laundering drugs money while at BCCI. Soon after, Capcom lost its futures dealing licence and membership of two exchanges, however it may still deal

in foreign exchange. In October 1990, Mr Akbar was convicted at the Old Bailey of a conspiracy charge related to the laundering of drugs money and served six months of an 18 month sentence. Late last year, Mr Akbar was detained in Calais on an application by the US Justice Department and has since languished in a French jail. His family live in Britain.

The contest for his extradition has been long and complicated. The American and the British govern-ments have established a right in the French courts to extradite the banker. The Justice Department alleged he should return to the US to face racketeering charges relating to allegations that he helped BCCI to launder General Noriega's funds. The SFO's application, submitted shortly after, requests Mr Akbar's extradition to face charges of false accounting and creating a misleading impression.

French decision, page !

## Home secretary to be questioned over 'secret' extradition

By BILL FROST

the authorities.

tention at the airport.

was accompanied by two

bodyguards whenever she vis-ited him in prison. One of her

legal advisers said that she

While his family continued to enjoy the opulence of St John's Wood, albeit a shadow

of the life they once led in Malaysia, Mr Osman was compelled to adapt to a differ-

ent regime. He woke each

morning to the smell of cab-

bage, tobacco smoke and dis-

infectant and the sound of

Osman: seven years fighting extradition

hot, spicy food. There is a

prison warder here who tells

me about Malay meals he has

eaten in Soho. It's torture to hear him describe them."

If nothing else, perhaps the diet at Mr Osman's new

prison in Hong Kong may

prove a little more palatable

But the lack of his almost

daily visits from his family will

be hard to bear. "It is the

nights that terrify me. I wake

up wondering why I am

"I miss my wife and daugh-ter so much it is like a physical

than Brixton food.

behind bars.

feared for her life.

worst nightmare

BY BILL PROST

BRITAIN'S longest-serving unconvicted prisoner, Lorrain Osman, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday to face multimillion-pound fraud charges after losing a seven-year battle against extradition.

Mr Osman was taken from his cell at Brixton prison, south London, and put on a flight to the colony on Tuesday night. On arrival at Kai Tak Airport he was handed over to officials of Hong Kong's independent commission against

The surprise extradition

LORRAIN Osman this morn-

ing wakes up to what he has

described as his worst night-mare. While he was still at

Brixton prison, the frail 61-year-old former banker told The Times that there were

many who would seek to

ensure that he never came to

trial if extradited to Hong

Sitting between two prison

officers in the visiting room in the maximum-security wing, he said: "Too many people

have too much to lose, if I am

allowed to prove my innocence

then their guilt will be

Mr Osman clutched his

wife's hand and spoke of his

determination to avoid extra-

dition to the colony. "I could carry on like this forever. I am

prepared to remain a remand

prisoner at Brixton for 50

years if the alternative is facing a show trial or worse in Hong

Kong. I have infinite patience

and will fight this to the end. I

will not go back. Never, never.

Although Mr Osman's will-

ingness to endure life behind

bars in Brixton seemed infi-

nite, the home secretary's pa-

thence ran out on Tuesday.
Until recently Mr Osman

seven years spent poring over

legal textbooks in his cell, he

had become convinced that

the High Court would eventu-

ally reject the Hong Kong

government's attempt to bring him back to face multiple fraud charges. Such was his absorption in the legal battle

that he had ceased to notice

the squalor of his surround-

ings in the maximum security

wing. Before his arrest on Decem-

ber 6, 1985, Osman had lived

in affluence at the family

home in St John's Wood, northwest London. With his

wife Monica and daughter he

had fled to Britain from

Malaysia, claiming that

threats had been made

against them. Mrs Osman,

always expensively dressed,

had never seriously enter-tained the possibility that he might be extradited. During

obvious."

ended an extraordinary chap-ter in British legal history, during which the former banker fought nine widelywho include MPs on both sides of the House, yesterday expressed anger over the "haste and secrecy" surroundreported and time-consuming ing the extradition. High Court actions against

His wife Monica, who has always protested his inno-Against this background, the Home Office decided that Mr Osman's family and supporters should not be told before the flight that he was cence, said in a statement: My own feelings are of loss, of grief. I cannot tell you how sad I feel now. But he must keep fighting. I know he is innocent and I must do all I being returned to face trial in can to help him prove that. I just hope that the Hong Kong the colony, almost certainly fearing large-scale media atgovernment protect him properly and that he is safe. There are many people who would like him silenced." Osman wakes up to

Mrs Osman accused the authorities in Hong Kong and Britain of persecuting and hounding her husband. "Now his life is destroyed, it is a

tragedy."
The former banker's lawers said that they would be flying to Hong Kong later this week. Mike Kingston, a legal adviser to the family, said that another appeal had been lodged with the House of Lords but the application had yet to be dealt with. He added: His solicitor was seeing him at 7pm last night and he was not told that Mr Osman was being put on a plane at 9.30pm. None of us were aware until the Press Association called one of my colleagues in the early hours of

Prison food did not agree Jeremy Corbyn, Labour MP with Mr Osman, who told The for Islington North and a Times: "Every day there are carrots and cabbage. I miss member of the campaign launched to win Mr Osman's freedom, said that he would be raising the extradition with the home secretary. "It is disgusting that someone should be deported without even his family or his lawyers being told. We cannot let this

> Mr Osman, a Cambridgeeducated barrister, is charged in Hong Kong with alleged offences linked to the £700 million collapse of Carrian investments, a shipping and investments, a stripping and investments group. He was chairman of the group's biggest creditor, a Hong Kong based subsidiary of BBMB, Malaysia's largest bank. It is alleged that he allowed loans to be made to Carrian without

adequate security. Mr Osman last month made his ninth unsuccessful attempt to avoid extradition. Two High Court judges re-fused to grant a writ of habeas corpus to free him from jail, saying that he had produced no fresh evidence in the application, launched after the home secretary signed an ex-tradition warrant. His purpose was "not so much to obtain an order to which he is entitled but rather to filibuster as he has done time and time

again," the judges said.

A Home Office spokeswoman yesterday gave only a few details about Mr Osman's departure. "I think it was decided that he had had maximum opportunity to fight the order," she said.



Hang 'em high: Robert Harrison, whose butcher's shop has sold traditional farm turkeys for 140 years

## Hanging lobby wins day in Brussels

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

TRADITIONAL farm-fresh southwest London, which has been selling traditional, black-and-bronze feathered turkeys, hand-plucked and with gently decomposing entrails intact, have been deturkeys since 1850, numberclared safe for Christmas ing Queen Victoria among its dinner tables by European customers, can now hope to Community farm ministers. continue doing so. Robert Harrison, the current owner, said yesterday: "Hanging is absolutely vital for flavour Brussels had wanted to ban

poultry-hanging as unclean. John Gummer, the agriculture minister and a selfproclaimed enthusiast for pungent flesh, fought a spirited rearguard action at a meeting in Brussels yesterday, finally persuading EC veterinary and hygiene offici-als that "delayed evisceration" of turkeys, pheasants and other game birds need not endanger public health.

J. Seal Butchers, in Barnes,

have to have their birds disembowelled after hanging at a licensed slaughter-house

or meat cutting plant. "This seems to be sensible news for once from Brussels," Henry Bryant, chairman of the Traditional Farm-Fresh Turkey Association, said. "Fif-teen days should be enough, though some producers like to hang their birds a bit longer There was never any logic in the hygienists' arguments. The chances of bugs and other nasties getting in are actually much greater once the guts have been taken out." A compulsory code of prac-

tice requires the association's

30 members to rear only slow-

growing birds that must be at

least 18 weeks old at slaugh-ter, must be hand-plucked (a precondition for hanging) and must be fed mostly on cereals. Artificial growth promoters and routine use of antiobiotics are banned.

The traditional bird, which accounts for only a minority of the 10 million torkeys sold every Christmas, is an improved version of such varieties as the Norfolk Black and Cambridge Bronze. It is a very different creature from the white-feathered, topheavy monsters sold frozen in supermarkets and bred to convert food quickly into huge easts. Such mass-produced birds sell for about a third the price of dark-leathered fowl.

## **Fireman** plotted

MENS HORIEF

A fireman who planned a hold-up to rescue his family from debt was jailed by the Old Bailey yesterday. He intended to rob a bank or building society after watching the television programme Crime Monthly, which "made it look easy", the court was told.

bank raid

Keith Mount, 36, of Barnet, north London, was jailed for 30 months for possession of an imitation pistol with intent to commit a crime. He was arrested after taking a car for the robbery, The gun and a mask were found inside.

Mount's wife, Ann. begged the court not to jail her their three children could lose their home without his earnings. The family had debts of about £44,000 and faced living in bed and breakfast accommodation, she said.

#### BT tests phone to stop hoaxers

BT is to begin trials of a "caller display" system which it hopes will help to reduce malicious and hoax calls. It will allow customers to see the number of the caller before answering.

BT said that a similar sys-tem on local calls in parts of the United States had had a dramatic effect in reducing malicious and hoax calls. The trials will take place among 500 customers in northeast Scotland from next month.

#### Abuse case falls

A woman aged 35, who claimed that she was sexually abused as a child by her adoptive father and stepbrother, has left it too late to sue them for damages, the House of Lords ruled. Lord Griffiths said that her action could not proceed because it had not been brought within the sixyear time limit allowed under the 1980 Limitation Act.

#### Sam Fox sues

The former topless model Samantha Fox, 26, has issued a writ against her father, Pat, 48, for the return of a reported El million alleged to have gone missing during the ten years that Mr Fox acted as his daughter's manager.

#### Police bailed

Six policemen from Southwark, south London, were remanded on unconditional bail by Bow Street magistrates, accused of perverting the course of justice in connection with a breath test on an off-duty colleague.

## Pay freeze

The ten highest-paid officials on Cambridge County Council have voluntarily agreed to accept a pay freeze next year. The gesture by directors and chief officers will save the authority about £20,000.

#### Grouse at risk

Black grouse are declining so fast in Wales that they may disappear from uplands areas by the end of the decade, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds says.

#### Safe reward

The motor insurer Independent, of Sale, Greater Manchester, is to charge Ken Platt, of Blackpool, £2.92 to renew his cover. He has never made a claim in 40 years.

The Hampshire Chronicle will break a 220-year tradition on January 9, when it will have news on its front page instead of advertisements.

First with news

#### **Bets on Elvis**

An Irish bookmaker is offering odds of 10,000-1 that Elvis Presley will be found alive in Ireland during 1993.

report's co-authors and

Kirklees educational develop-

ment officer, said: "We want to

get away from the damaging

stereotype that all men be-

come doctors and all women

The report suggests that

masculine games such as foot-

ball should be restricted where

playground space is limited, to

counter the boys' traditional

domination of large open

areas with ball games.

become nurses."

## New year spurt in home sales forecast

BY KATE ALDERSON

A PREDICTION by the Roy-ai Institution of Chartered Surveyors that next year will herald the recovery of the housing market contrasts with its gloomy farewell to this.

Few will lament the passing of 1992, a bad year on many froms, not least the housing market," Peter Miller, its residential property spokesman, said. "But good news may not be too far away. with chartered surveyor estate agents across the country reporting that increased activity in late November is

continuing. "If, as we expect, the first six months of 1993 witness increased levels of activity, un-

derlying demand could be unleashed and actually outstrip supply, leading to price rises at the bottom end of the market. Increased demand will then move slowly up the housing ladder."

Last year, the institution published a survey which showed little optimism for a pick-up in prices in 1992. Colin Davies, from Parsons,

Son & Basley in Brighton, said: "The residential housing market is still extremely difficult, with a considerable amount of effort being put into arranging sales which subsequently fall through. The key factor to improving the market is confidence."

## Hoover investigates flights offer

and tenderness."

The poultry meat hygiene

directive, part of the stan-

dardisation of EC rules in

preparation for the single market, will allow birds to be

hung for up to 15 days. Farmers rearing fewer than

10,000 birds a year will be able to send fowl with innards

intact direct to their custom-

ers. Larger producers will

By A STAFF REPORTER

HOOVER, the electrical goods manufacturer, has launched an investigation into a free flights offer after claims that the rules were altered, it was disclosed today.

The company said the enquiry concerned an apparent change in conditions to a recent promotion offering free airline tickets for flights to Europe to purchasers of Hoover goods. It also said that it would do its utmost to honour all claims under its current offer of two free flights to the United States with any Hoover purchase

over £100. Concern about the European offer arose after applicants for tickets were told to resubmit their claims with three alternative dates at least 30 days apart and naming three alternative

A spokeswoman for Hoover said that there had been "an error" and it was now writing to the applicants to inform them

that the original terms of the offer still seats," she added. The company is not

On the American offer, of two return tickets to either New York or Orlando in Florida, the spokeswoman said all claims would be met subject to ticket availability. If the applicants' first three choices of dates could not be met they would be invited to submit three more. If tickets for those could not be found they would be offered three dates by the travel operator, Your Leisure.

We will do our best to make sure that people get the flights that they choose. It is a no-strings deal. You get the two flights, full stop." She said that the offer, which allows people to claim tickets worth about \$400 for the purchase of a £120 vacuum cleaner, had been made possible because of the stump in the travel

"There is an enormous glut of unsold

saying how many qualifying sales have been made since the offer opened on November I but it confirmed that its factory at Cambuslang, in Strathclyde, had been put on seven-day working to

meet the extra demand. The Consumers' Association warned people to read the conditions of the offer carefully. "There is no guarantee that you will get the flights you want on the days you want," Keith Richards, senior lawyer

at the association, said. "This offer is subject to availability. If you want to take it up for peak times like school holidays, you may be disappoint-

"Hoover has absolute authority on free accommodation, so you may be stopped from staying with friends or relatives. We only hope that Hoover will not exercise that right."

## Sex equality comes to the playground

BY PAUL WILKINSON

TEACHERS in West Yorkshire have been sent guidelines on bringing sex equality to the school playground. Kirklees council in West Yorkshire advised them to stop boys taking over the play-ground with football or boisterous games. Instead they should be encouraged to do jigsaws or read a book.

In a report entitled Gender Issues in the Curriculum, which is being sent to the authority's 200 schools and nurseries, the council also suggests that when playing doctors and nurses the children should be issued with

Janice Whelan, one of the

"School staff should monitor play to ensure that over a period of time boys and girls have an equal chance to develop skills and concepts fostered through different play

## **Euro-elections deal** may force Major to accept voting reform

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major could be forced representation system of voting to abide by his agreement. signed at the Edinburgh EC summit, to give the United Kingdom an extra six MEPs in the European parliament.

Legislation to raise the number of seats from 81 to 87 will also provoke a fresh clash between the prime minister and Tory Euro-sceptics.
The problem of how to

create extra seats without redrawing every Euro-constitu-ency border in Britain has compelled ministers to considwith Northern Ireland and all other EC member states. The government is already under pressure from the European parliament and the European Commission to reform its first past the post voting system. The increase in numbers of

MEPs from the United Kingdom, France and Italy was agreed at Edinburgh in exchange for giving the former east Germany 18 seats following reunification. A European elections bill is to be introduced into the Commons early next year, probably in February, to pave the way for the increase in time for the next European elections in June

1994. Unless there is all-party agreement, the legislation will

be vulnerable to attack from

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, and his officials are looking at the options, including ways of by-passing the Boundary Commission and setting up a faster system of redrawing borders. He is also considering some form of PR as the quickest, most painless way of fulfilling the agreement. The favoured system is

understood to be an additional member system, which will allow voters to pick an extra MEP from a party list. Labour and Liberal Demo-

crat leaders are only now beginning to recognise the implications of the weekend's agreement. The Labour leadership is still looking at its strategy, although officials believe a PR system for the extra seats would lead to more Labour MEPs.

Timing is important as Lord Plant's commission on electoral reform will produce its report in April. From early indications, he could favour an additional member system of voting for some elections.

The Liberal Democrats.

who have no MEPs under the existing voting system, look certain to promise support for the bill if PR is introduced, given their fierce commitment to voting reform. However, they may help the government only if the bill brings in PR for all European seats.

Home, Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Office officials are cursing the decision to enshrine the number of Euroseats in the 1978 European Parliament Constituencies Act. As a result any changes in seats requires a new bill rather than a simple one-line order. At present England has 66 seats; Scotland eight; Wales four; and Northern Ireland.

under PR, three. The Boundary Commission is already bogged down redrawing all 651 Westminster constituen-cies. Its officials could not promise to create a new map of Euro-constituencies within 18 months without a massive increase in resources or by waiving the rights of appeal

An alternative is to give extra MEPs to areas where the commission has already proposed new Westminster seats. As this is likely to favour the



## Tory MPs accused of health 'cover-up'

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR MPs accused their Conservative colleagues on the Commons health committee of a cover up yesterday.

The Tory-dominated Commons health select committee split on party lines over a bland report on NHS trusts which has come up with very few conclusions. The four Labour members on the committee were outvoted on a number of critical amendments which have been annexed to the document -

effectively as a minority report. At a press conference later they accused the Tory MPs of ignoring evidence given by health organisations which claimed that the reforms were leading to fragmentation of the NHS. In their own press release the Labour MPs said the official document should have been much stronger and based on evidence received by the committee. "If the committee has such doubts that it thinks it should not come to firm conclusions, how can it be right for the government to press ahead at such speed? We lear the creation of a two-tier

health service. We want equal

access to good quality health

care. The NHS should not be

The main report, described as "a green paper" by Marion Roe, the committee chairman, concludes that because trusts will dominate the health service in the future there is little point in evaluating them against NHS hospitals. By April 1994 about 95 per cent of NHS hospitals and community units are expected to have opted out of health authority control.

a market-place."

It recommends that the committee, which does not come down either in favour or against trusts, should broaden the enquiry remit to look at the function of districts, regions and GP fundholders.

The Labour recommendations include: ☐ Setting up an independent investigate ☐ The retention of Whitley

council pay and conditions. A legal requirement that trusts should hold meetings in

☐ Slowing down the timetable for NHS trusts to "carefully evaluate progress and make

comparisons while there is still an opportunity to do so".

It concludes that changes are leading to a two-tier service, with successful hospitals attracting more money and specialising in more profitable

At a press conference to launch the report, committee members did little to conceal their frustration over the lack of agreement on the report. MPs publically accused

areas of health care

each other of trying to score party points, posing a question mark over the future credibility of the all-party committee. Alice Mahon, the Labour MP for Halifax, who was involved in a row with Mrs Roe over allegations that the committee planned to give health ministers an early copy of the report, was the most vociferous. "I think the conclusions attempt to cover up very serious early warnings of what is now

happening to the NHS." Hugh Bayley, the Labour MP for York, accused the committee of failing to include vital evidence from the BMA in its report which said a competitive market threatened the stability and integration of the NHS. Conservative MPs pointed out that six members of the committee had been appointed since the enquiry into trusts had started, including four new MPs. They had not even heard the

Mrs Roe, the Conservative MP for Broxbourne, said it was important for select committees to try to reach a compromise view and produce a report on what they are able to agree. "I think there are some cases where there will inevitably be political differences. It is right and proper that MPs should make their them.

views known by amendment."

James Clappison, Tory MP for Hertsmere, said it was hardly surprising that the Tories did not vote for the Labour amendments as most were highly political.
Alice Mahon countered:

Our amendments show very

dearly the huge divisions between us. I don't see any coming together on this." Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, later said the report identified a number of issues where further clarifica-



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## Maastricht waits in

the wings

Christmas break today. face the daunting task in the new year of again grappling with the Maastricht bill. Tony Newton, leader of the Commons, announced that Wednesday and Thursday, January 13 and 14, will devoted to the line-by-line scrutiny of the measure, the European Communities (amend-

ment) bill. MPs are likely to and Thursday over the rest of the winter and spring considering the bill. Sir Dudley Smith, who first became an MP 33 years ago, expressed the pessimistic view that the bill would carry on "for the rest of our parliamentary lives".

#### Jobs 'at risk'

Dr Liam Fox, Tory MP for Woodspring, introduced a bill to reduce "the massive over-regulation of slaughterhouses" under new EC and UK food legislation. More than 1,000 jobs were at risk in the South-West as a result of the regulatory threat to small slaughterhouses, he said.

#### New whip

Andrew Mitchell, Conservative MP for Gedling. has been appointed a junior government whip in succession to Timothy Boswell, who was made a junior education minister last week after the resignation of Nigel Forman.

In Parliament

Commons (9.30): Christ-mas adjournment debates on various topics. Lords (11): Mink Keeping Order and other orders.

## Anger over council corruption claim

TORY claims that Labour councillors in Scotland had been filling council posts with their relatives led to angry exchanges in the Commons yesterday.

Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, said he had limited powers to look into the claims about Monklands District Council in Strathclyde. The council covers the constituencies of John Smith, the Labour leader, and Tom Clarke, the shadow Scottish secretary.

When the issue was raised during question time by David Shaw, Tory MP for Dover, George Galloway (Głasgow Hillhead, Lab) accused him of "im-

'no better

than sugar'

By Jeremy Laurance

HEALTH SERVICES

CORRESPONDENT

A CUP of sweetened tea or a

cold drink may be as effective

at boosting memory as the so-

Mr Lang said: "I am indeed aware of these allegations. My powers to in-tervene in such matters are limited by statute law."

He said he had discre

tionary powers to order a local enquiry "if I consider that a local authority has either failed to carry out a statutory duty or I am of the opinion that an investigation should be made to determine whether they have so failed.

"I am only in a position to set up an enquiry where I am satisfied there has been a statutory breach of the tions. I am not yet satisfied that is the case with regard Monklands District

**British Psychological Society** 

## Mind drugs Personality tests could help keep soccer players on the ball

Society was told yesterday.

called "smart drugs" sold through health shops and on the black market to enhance brain power, according to a study by psychologists.
Millions of pounds are spent in Europe and America on "cognitive enhancers" drugs such as vasopressin, piracetam and hydergine which are believed to improve mental performance — mainly by college students hoping for

an advantage in examina-tions. But research at the University College of Swansea suggests that any effect the drugs have on memory may be simply the result of increasing glucose level.
Dr David Benton and Deborah Owens tested 33 university students on their ability to recall a list of words and a series of pictures. The tests were conducted in the morn-

ing after the students had gone without food since the night before. Those given a sweetened breakfast drink had faster recall than those who were starved, and the higher the blood glucose level the better the performance.

in a second study, 161 students were asked to recall a list of words after drinking either a glucose or an artificially sweetened drink. Those who had the glucose drink remembered more words.

Presenting the results to the psychological society, Dr Benton said they provided further evidence that cognitive enhancing drugs produced their effect by increasing the availability and uptake of glucose rather than acting directly on the brain. Earlier work has shown that some of the drugs cannot be absorbed from the bloodstream into the brain cells and when injected direct-

ly have no effect. But Dr Benton warned against relying on a can of fizzy drink to get through an examination. "If you push up your glucose level rapidly with a sugary snack it will come down rapidly. A better strategy is to ear little and often, and choose carbohydrate rather than refined sugar."



FOOTBALL dub managers might do well to get their new signings to take a personality test, the British Psychological Matches can depend on the composure of penalty-takers,

but few managers really understand how well their players respond to stress, according to George Sik and Stephen Smith, of Saville and Holdsworth, a company of occupational psychologists. England's fate in the last World Cup might even have been altered by a different selection of players for the penalty shoot-out against Germany in the semi-final. They interviewed 55 foot-

ballers at Crystal Palace, Shef-field United and Celtic, using a questionnaire designed to elicit information about personality types. Despite the managers' scepticism - one said he would be happy to distribute the forms to the two or three players on his staff who could read and write the psychologists were able to draw some conclusions.

They found that players run the whole spectrum of emo-tional control "from Lineker-



Paul Gascoigne: highly emotional player

level to Gazza-grade" but that those who flourished for longest tended to be the cooler types. The players who survive in the game are more caring, tolerant and interested in the welfare of others," Dr Sik said. They are also more forward-planning, more inter-ested in other players, and

more co-operative." Comparing the personality profiles with assessments made by the clubs shows that football managers remain suspicious of creative players. They are seen as less enthusiastic and worse for qualities such as aggression, heading, passing and first touch. "Does



Gary Lineker: controls feelings under pressure

this constitute a charter for cloggers — only fools and workhorses?" asked Dr Sik. In general, he said, the tests showed that the England manager Graham Taylor's re-mark footballers are no different from human beings" contains a lot of truth. But it was no good asking whether they thought theory was important in football. That question, because of its vocabulary

or its abstruse nature, got few sensible responses. But then, as Dr Sik concluded: "It's a game of two halves,

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## Having fun is all in the genes

BY OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE best party-givers are born rather than made, according to a study that suggests that wallflowers, misfits and loners should blame genes rather than upbringing for their lack of social graces. A desire to help people is also inherited but anti-social behaviour such as lying, stealing and bullying is learned from parents and other adults.

The study of 370 identical and non-identical twins aged from 5 to 16, presented by Dr Jim Stevenson of the Institute of Child Health, offers hope that the cycle of deprivation some families become locked into may be broken by

environmental change.

Dr Stevenson said the findings added to the evidence that sociable and anti-social behaviour were entirely distinct rather than two ends of the same spectrum, and could have evolution-ary significance. "Being sociable with and helpful to people close to us could have some survival value," he said.

☐ Men and woman react very differently to people with physical and mental disabilities. according to new research (Nick Nuttall writes). Men tend to feel annoyed, imitated and disgusted by handicapped people while women are scared and embarrassed, researchers have

The findings come from Glyn Hudson and Dr John Barrett of the University of Bristol, who claim they may have serious implications

for government policies aimed at integrating disabled people into the community.

Video clips of people with mental and physical disabilities were shown to 303 people. Poor or non-existent communication skills were likely to arouse the most negative feelings, a typical male reaction being: "I was irritated with him because I could not understand him and was irritated with myself for feeling that

☐ Patients suffering even minor head injuries may be given too little help by doctors and health workers in the month following their

Studies funded by Sheffield health authority indicate that people with apparently minor head injuries may suffer from a wide range of distressing problems including depression. tiredness and an unwillingness to become involved in social events.

Often the extent of the apparent physical damage bears little relation to the extent of the symptoms afterwards, the researchers found. About a fifth of those questioned reported difficulties with memory and concentration. About half were still emotionally upset by the

## Police face sack under new code of discipline

BY STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

LAZY or incompetent police officers face pay cuts, demo-tion or the sack under a new personnel system agreed vesterday and expected to become law within 18 months.

The scheme, drawn up by representatives of all three staff associations and agreed by a Home Office advisory board, follows calls by chief constables and Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, for action to deal with poorly performing officers. Under 3 per cent of officers are likely to be disciplined under the

Mr Clarke confirmed that the scheme would be introduced as soon the legislation could be agreed. He said that he was planning a discussion document early next year on police discipline, the new system and the code of ethics. He added that, in most cases of their dealings with the public, the police were in the same position as other public servants. They were expected to provide a service with courtesy and efficiency.
The Police Federation has expressed scepticism of the

need for the system, arguing that present discipline codes are sufficient. Yesterday Peter Ryan, chief constable of Norfolk and chairman of a chief constables' committee on personnel, said that the system could begin in 1994.

Five stages are proposed for an "incapability" scheme to cover all ranks up to assistant chief constable. Seperate rules for higher ranks are being drawn up and could be linked to the introduction of short service contracts. Mr Ryan said that the purpose of the system was not to orches-trate wholesale dismissals but to improve management.

Under the first stage, police managers would talk to offcers informally and set out their work. At a later stage they could be told that unless they improved they could be penalised or sacked Continued failure could lead to a formal hearing, chaired by a senior officer and

two assessors. Officers would

have the right of review by

their chief constables and

could take the cases to an

## Whitehall promotes scheme to create more black managers

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

CIVIL servants from ethnic minorities are to be offered special training in a drive to increase the number of blacks and Asians in management

positions in Whitehall. The courses will be aimed at derical workers, a high proportion of whom are from ethnic minorities, according to latest Whitehall figures.

A number of government departments and agencies are also running pre-recruitment courses teaching writing com-munication skills in an attempt to prepare blacks and

Asians for work in the civil SETVICE. In Liverpool, Customs and Excise and the environment

department ran a scheme in which 11 out of 12 trainees gained a national vocational qualification in business studies. Most of them then competed successfully for clerical obs in the civil service. Similar courses have been run by the

environment department in Bristol and Manchester and by the Health and Safety Executive in west London. The three-month courses for

## EC 'lets risky goods into British shops'

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

CROSS-BORDER shopping in the single European market will carry high risks because of the lack of protection for consumers, according to a report published yesterday.

The Consumers in the European Community Group said the EC had failed to provide

effective redress for faulty goods, comprehensive safety regulations or legislation on liability for shoddy services. In spite of EC promises, the start of the single European market on January 1 will not enable UK consumers to buy a wider range of goods and services with the same confi-

dence that they have here, says the report titled No Single Market for Consumers. The pressure group, repre-senting the UK's main consumer groups, said that products from other EC countries will be freely available here whether or not they comply with UK safety laws. and it urged shoppers "not to gamble with safety". The UK has high standards for prod-

ucts such as children's nursery equipment and crash helmets. There may not be equivalent safety guarantees for products made in other EC countries." Consumers who have bought faulty goods will "almost certainly have to sue abroad to get redress", the

report says. Vendors are under no obligation to ensure their products work or to take back faulty products. "The cost and difficulty of bringing a legal action in a foreign court will probably exceed the value of the ware of the product, so the best advice might be to throw it away."

The risks of cross-border purchases of services, such as car repairs and hotel and restaurant services, could be even greater. A proposal to make it easier for consumers to get compensation was abandoned during the recent European Council meeting in Edinburgh.

Although shoppers will be able to bring back an unlimited amount of goods from other EC countries, there is no guarantee that they will be compatible with equipment bought in the UK. Video cassettes bought in France will not work in UK video cassette recorders," the report says.

European suppliers of financial services, including insurance, mortgages and loans, will be able to compete for business in Britain from January i. Consumers will not however, be able to compare the real cost of borrowing money because of wide variations in how annual interest rates are calculated, the report

derical workers will include advice on interview techniques and training in management skills. The initiative follows disappointing results from a two-year drive to increase the number of ethnic minority staff employed as executive officers, the most junior management grade in the civil service.

Latest figures released by of Office of Public Service and Science (OPSS) show that there are already more ethnic minority employees in the civil service, at 5 per cent, than in the general working population, at 4.2 per cent.

The number of blacks and Asians employed as executive officers rose by 0.2 per cent to 3.6 per cent between last year and this year. At the most senior levels, the proportion is lower, with ethnic minority representation at 1.82 per cent, up from 1.81 per cent last year.

Robert Jackson, parliamentary secretary of the OPSS, said: "Ethnic minority staff are still clustered in the more innice oracles within the more junior grades within the civil service and there is a need to improve representation at more senior levels."

Ethnic minorities are strongly represented at the lowest derical grades, says the government report on equal opportunities for people from ethnic minorities in the civil service. According to the figures, 5.6 per cent of white civil servants, 0.9 per cent of black and 2.3 per cent of Asians are in the more senior grades. However, 50 per cent of white civil servants, 80 per cent of blacks and 71 per cent of Asians are employed at non-

managerial derical grades. The government is dearly anxious to counter any possible argument that positive discrimination is being adopted to increase the number of black and Asian workers in the civil service. The report emphasises that the courses will also be open to white employees and that, under the Race Relations Act, employers can provide training to people from particular racial groups to prepare them for work in areas in which those groups

are under-represented.

## Smith warned of party revolt over Maastricht treaty bill

By Shelia Gunn and Jill Sherman

JOHN Smith was urged last night by senior Labour MPs to The Labour leader is under pressure to show his support deliver a clear alternative profor European unity and to push ahead with reforms that will gramme of government and ensure victory at the next general election to support the early ratification of the Maastricht treaty.

As Roy Hattersley, the fornative programme of govern-ment," he said. hind its policy. Next year's task was to provide an absolutely mer deputy leader, called on Mr Smith to spell out clearly Mr Hattersley's comments

follow murmurings of criticism from some factions within the party that Mr Smith is not pressing ahead fast enough with Mr Kinnock's reforms. Mr Hattersley went on: "Neil Kinnock removed. the reasons for not voting Labour. John Smith's task is to supply the reasons for voting

If the party was to win the next election, 1993 had to be the year in which it began to talk about the principles be-

unequivocal reply to the question: what does Labour now stand for?

The answer is the answer we have always had to offer: a society in which power and wealth are more equally distributed," Mr Hattersley said. However, he did not propose another full policy review or detailed announcements next year of a Queen's speech for 1996.

Mr Hattersley also de-fended Mr Smith's pre-elec-

Labour's defeat by proposing tax increases for some. The problem was not what it proposed. The failure was our reluctance — all of us in the shadow cabinet — to argue. much earlier, for the principles on which the proposals were Labour had to appeal over the heads of those who tried to

"exploit selfishness and greed", and should mobilise the honourable instincts of decent people who detested the society created by the Tories, "Latent in this country there is a real contempt for the philosophy of devil-take-the-hindmost and weakest-to-thewall, which is Lady Thatcher's lasting contribution to the politics of this country." he said.

The pro-European motion was signed by several MPs who were unhappy about the decision to oppose the govern-ment in the Maastricht debate last month. The motion says its objective is in accordance with the view of the October 1992 Labour party conference that "the Maastricht treaty, while not perfect, is the best that can currently be achieved". It also calls on the government to endorse the social chapter of the treaty so that the ratification bill can be supported by both sides of the House at the earliest

Signatories yesterday said the Edinburgh summit now gave the Labour leader an ideal opportunity to make the party's position clear. It was signed by six of the new intake of Labour MPs. One of them, Peter Mandelson, said: "John Smith will be very reassured by this backing for his pro-Maastricht stance."

Giles Radice, the MP for Durham North, said: "New MPs have made clear their strong support for a pro-European position and their objection to delaying tactics on the Maastricht bill."

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over the next three years. The scheme, aimed at offer-

collect them after work. ing professional supervision of Mrs Shephard said at a childcare conference in school-age children outside London: "There has been a normal classroom hours and

through training and enter-prise councils in England and local enterprise companies in

## **CBI** and unions unite on railways

By JONATHAN PRYNN

THE government's rail privatisation proposals are "illconceived and ill-timed", the Confederation of British Industry told MPs yesterday.
In a rare display of public

unanimity, senior representatives of unions and the employers condemned the government's record of underinvestment in the railway system and questioned whether privatisation could reverse the trend. They were appearing before the all-party Commons select committee on

The government's plans involve the operation of the railway network being fran-chised out to private companies with ownership of the track remaining in the hands of a single public body.

A succession of organ-isations with interests in the railways have criticised the government's rail white paper during the committee's hearings, but the comments from the CBI will be particularly unwelcome at the transport

department. David Yeomans, chairman of the CBI transport committee, said a £15 billion investment shortfall in the railway network had resulted in "gross inefficiencies", in rail services. which was driving traffic on to the roads, creating congustion. environmental problems and a huge cost to business. The CBI said it was concerned less with the question of ownership of the railways and more with how the quality and level of services could be improved.

Jimmy Knapp, general sec-retary of the RMT transport workers union, said there was no way the private sector alone could close the investment gap and called on the government to relax Treasury funding rules to allow BR to borrow against its assets in the private sector. "The true level of investment in railways, if you exclude the Channel tunnel, is barely above 1960s levels," he said. Privatisation would allow franchise operators to pick the best routes, while other lines were forced to close down.

tried to sink the treaty. He is being urged to make it clear that Labour will not be asked to vote against the third reading of the Maastricht bill. John airid In a separate move Mr Hattersley warned the new Labour leader not to rely on a mixture of dissatisfaction with the Tories, class interest and support for Labour's newfound respectability to win a 1996 general election.

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Although he did not openly criticise Mr Smith, Mr Hattersley made it clear that the Labour leadership must supply positive reasons for voting Labour. Speaking at a parliamentary press gallery lunch he said: "Assaults on the most unpopular administration this century are enormously enjoyable. But we cannot continue the bombardment of soft targets indefinitely. We have to do more than demonstrate Conservative

the reasons for voting Labour.

the party's pro-European wing

flexed its muscles with a Commons motion backing

Mr Smith's stance of support-

The motion, designed to show the strength of pro-Maastricht feeling after a period in which the more

sceptical wing has held sway, was signed by 85 MPs includ-

ing Neil Kinnock, Mr Hattersley and Gerald Kauf-

man, the former shadow for-

eign secretary.
It was clearly intended to

counter any impression that

Labour's European sympa-

thies are weakening, and is a

tacit warning to Mr Smith that he would face a revolt if he

ing the Maastricht treaty.

Although voters probably recognised the Tory failures at the April general election, they ad not believed that Labour would do any better. "They will only begin to give positive support when they are offered a clear and convincing alter-

## Labour NEC agrees to cut HQ spending

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour party is to cut back heavily on spending at its London headquarters and regional offices to devote more resources locally to winning vital marginal seats.

The decision was taken by the party's ruling national executive at a five-hour session yesterday which approved in principle plans for cutting day-to-day running costs by 30 per cent. The number of staff at the Walworth Road HQ in south London are to be cut from 120 to 90 and regional offices are to be reduced from nine to six

·During a sometimes anguished debate yesterday NEC members failed to agree on precisely where the cuts should fall and which of the regional offices should go. There is to be a two-month consultation period before final decisions are taken early next year. NEC members were said to have accepted that serious action was required to cut the £2 million overdraft, and to reduce gen-

eral spending to just over £8 million a year by 1993.

About 75 per cent of Labour's spending is at head office, 20 per cent in the regions and 5 per cent at local level. The aim in future is to reduce head office spending to 60 per cent, leave regional spending at 20 per cent and raise local spending to the same figure.

The 100-page report drawn up by the finance committee proposes a £10 million fund for the next election, and the establishment of a new national organisation fund to target local spending more efficiently. It also recommends the setting up of pilot projects in 30 constituencies to look at ways of increasing party membership. Individual membership is expected to fall below 200,000 and union-affiliated membership by one million to 3.6 million within four years. The projects will look at the success of telephone canvassing doorstep campaigning and reducing membership fees.



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## Germans support Russian reforms with extra £600m

■ Bonn has extracted a Russian promise on an earlier withdrawal of troops from eastern Germany in return for increased funds

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

GERMANY is to give Mos-cow more than DM1.55 billion (£632 million) in additional funds in a move to help President Yeltsin and the faltering Russian reform process. The funds were included in nine agreements signed by Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and President

Yeltsin in Moscow yesterday.
The agreements include
German help in dismantling
Russian nuclear and chemical weapons, improving economic training, and developing Russian customs. The two sides promised to combat smuggling of nuclear material. which has caused worry in Germany after the discovery of several smuggling rings based in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

After some haggling, Russia has agreed to complete the evacuation of its troops from eastern Germany on August 31 1994, four months earlier than planned. It had already dropped its demand for payment for the military installations. In return, Moscow will get another DM550 million

to help build housing for the soldiers in Russia. Germany is also to give an additional DM1 billion for victims of Nazi war crimes in Russia, which is expected to be used. in fact, to bolster state finances. In their joint declaration, both sides denounced crimes against humanity by their countries in the past.

Speaking to the press, Mr Yeltsin fielded questions about his having allegedly weakened the reform process, and on the contrast between the economic success of China, which he is visiting this week, and Russia's misery. Mr Yeltsin said that this was because China had been carrying out reforms for 14 years and Russia for only one, but that if the opposition of "a narrow group diehard conservatives" could be overcome, in 14 years' time, Russia's achievements would match those of

Mr Yeltsin and Herr Kohl's meeting took place under the shadow of the dismissal of Yegor Gaidar and the appointment of Viktor Cher-

nomyrdin as prime minister. Herr Kohl described Mr Chemomyrdin as "a practical. reliable man in whom one can have confidence that he will continue the reform process". German officials have been saying that because of Mr Chernomyrdin's membership of the industrial establishment, he may be in a better position than Mr Gaidar was to push through limited

Perhaps because both sides had so little to offer, the mood of the talks was determinedly friendly. President Yeltsin in-vited Herr Kohl to his country residence at Zavidovo, where they sat in a sauna together with Theo Waigel, the German finance minister. In return. Herr Kohl invited Mr Yeltsin to visit Germany next year and come to his home town in the Rhineland

The two leaders emphasised their desire that the 1.3 mil-lion strong ethnic German community in the former Soviet Union should remain in Russia, although few people believe that this is likely.



A walk in the woods: Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, strolls yesterday with Boris Yeltsin near the Russian president's hunting lodge at Zavidovo

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## Allies of Gaidar plan their next move

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

RADICAL ministers in the Russian government were still considering yesterday whether they intended to remain in the cabinet of Viktor Chernomyrdin, a conservative elected to the post of prime minister after the Congress of People's Deputies rejected Yegor Gaidar, the radical acting incumbent, on Monday.

Mr Gaidar, who said that he could not work in a government lead by Mr Chernomyrdin, announced yesterday that he would leave politics and return to the Institute of Economic Policy as director.

Vladimir Shumeiko, first deputy prime minister, said that he did not expect the cabinet to resign en masse. He said Anatoli Chubais, the privatisation minister, intended to stay. Rumours persist that Andrei Nechayev, the eco-nomics minister, Aleksandr Shokhin, deputy prime minister, and Pyotr Aven, the foreign trade minister, were uncertain about remaining, and the radical camp was said to be evaluating its chances of diluting the conservative line.

The ministers' decision is made more difficult by the contradictory signals that the new prime minister has been sending about his intentions for the reform programme. He has spoken of the need for a "different emphasis" while insisting that there will be no

reversal in policy.
Yesterday President Yeltsin
was at pains to reassure
Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, that conditions would remain favourable to

much-needed investment. "In spite of the wrangling at Congress, Russia is moving forward on the path of eco-nomic reform," he said, adding that there had been considerable improvement behind the collapsed barriers of communism".

In an attempt to build bridges with moderate conservatives, he added: "Even people in the military-industrial complex do not want to be shackled with economic re-straints again. That will not

happen."
Now Mr Yeltsin is faced with the problem of adapting his anti-conservative rhetoric to the new circumstances. He also faces the ire of democratic supporters who consider his acceptance of Mr Chernomyrdin was a betrayal of principle

## NEWS **Amato wins** vote of confidence

Rome: Giuliano Amato, the Italian prime minister, yesterday won a key confidence vote in parliament despite a week of scandal and electoral defeat that has rocked his fragile coalition. The vote, on regional aid to Italy's poor south, divided 300 to 256 in Signor Amato's favour, with one abstention.

The four parties in government all lost ground in local elections last weekend, widely seen as the latest example of a revolt against the political establishment.

The separatist Northern League is poised to take over its first local administrations. The league has led a small but \$ noisy revolt against the south-ern Italian aid plan, to which it had tabled 200 blocking amendments, virtually forcing Signor Amato into the confidence vote. (Reuter)

#### Strike spreads

Warsaw: A strike spread to more than half Poland's pits as about 180,000 workers protested against declining wages and demanded that the government act to help the stricken mining industry. PAP news agency said. (Reuter)

#### Space project

Tokyo: Japan and Germany are to co-operate on a £83 million space project that calls for the launch and recovery of a jointly developed satellite in February 1994. The satellite will be launched from Japan. officials said. (AFP)

#### Troops leave

Nicosia: The 341-strong Danish peacekeeping force in Cyprus has handed over its duties to British troops. The withdrawal will leave British forces with a larger area along the "green line" of the divided island to patrol. (Reuter)

#### Drug arrest

Paris: Guillaume Depardieu, 22, son of French actor Gérard Depardieu, has been charged with importing, possessing and selling narcotics. He was remanded in custody with four others. (Reuter)

## Cigarette papers

Paris: The newspaper Libération, in a spoof on France's new anti-tobacco laws, published separate editions yesterday for smokers and nonsmokers. A cigarette manufacturer financed the double issue. (Reuter)

## Clan feud forces Tajik exodus

FROM ROBERT SEELY IN AIVADZH

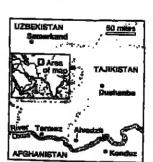
The remnants of a 60,000-strong army of weary Tajik refugees driven from their homes by clan bloodshed have formed an exodus across the River Oxus to the mountains of Afghanistan. Under cover of darkness

and harried by ill-disci-plined fighters loyal to the former regime in Tajikistan, the refugees have ferried themselves across the river from island to island on makeshift rafts of planks and empty oil barreis. The refugees are vic-tims, not of post-Soviet instability so much as the creeping influence of Afghanistan's war. Their hitherto little-known republic, perched high on the Pamir mountains between China, Afghanistan and Uzbekistan, has become the scene of Central Asia's latest communal conflict. The country has become lawless as gangs of supporters of the country's former Soviet regime run amok.

A century ago the land sweeping in a crescent from the Caucasus via the Caspian Sea to the Chinese border was a testing ground between Britain and Russia for the domination of Asia. Today, ham-pered by political chaos, clan feuding and post-Soviet poverty, it has been transformed into an arc of instability threatening to engulf much of the region. Although the refugees

are accused by their fellow Tajiks of being Islamic fundamentalists, their real crime is to hail from a specific region, Garm, in the north, which traditionally has been at odds with the ruling Tajik group, the Kulyabi.

Kulyabi members comprise the main block of progovernment supporters. In fighting in November the Garm Tajiks, who have attempted to give as good



as they gunned government troops and forced to flee. Russian officers manning the flimsy border post at Aivadzh say that up to 1,000 refugee women and children have already died of cold or malnourishment during their flight. Russia's troops play an ambiguous role, officially remaining neutral but also supplying information and some-times arms to the Kulyabi

M obs of Kulyabi have set fire to the refugees' villages and reduced their concrete and mudbrick homes to rubble earlier this month. The inhabitants took what they could before fleeing south towards Afghanistan, looking for Russian border posts on the way in the hope of finding protection. Forced into the desert. they charged the electric border fence at three points, according to Russian officers, to swim or sail across the Oxus. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reports that 35,000 Tajiks have crossed into Afghanistan and last week 5,000 more were crossing daily.

Dushanbe: Up to 20 Muslims were summarily shot dead by Kulyabi forces outside a cinema in the Tajik capital yesterday. The victums were rounded up by armed and uniformed men as they got off buses. (AFP)

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## West holds whip hand in the air but Serbs rule on land

ENFORCING THE "NO-FLY" ZONE OVER BOSNIA SERBIAN AIRCRAFT IN BOSNIA MACEDONIA Possible bases for RAF fighters US carrier John F Kennedy equipped with FA18 s and F14 s could be moved

FROM MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, IN GENEVA

north.

IN THE event of an enforced no fly zone, the Serbian air force could not begin to match the potential Western air power that might be deployed against them. But on the ground the Serbs hold the balance of power in troops and weaponry. The strength of the Serbs, in the territory they have seized in Bosnia-Herzegovina and the arms supply line they must have developed with Belgrade, would have to be taken into account before sending aircraft in to police

the skies over the country.
The United Nations forces in Bosnia amount to fewer than 7,000. Since they are there on a humanitarian mission, they are not armed with adequate firepower to respond if the Serbs sought to take revenge on UN soldiers by launching a sustained artillery attack in retaliation for shooting down their aircraft and

The British have 2,400

troops involved in the relief operation but only about 800 are deployed at Vitez, the location of the main forward base which is 15 miles or so from the Serb front line.

The Serbs in Bosnia have about 70,000 troops, a mixture of former Yugoslav national army (JNA) soldiers and irregular militia. They are equipped with between 180 and 200 armoured personnel carriers, an unknown number of heavy artillery pieces, including 155mm guns, about 20 combat aircraft, and be-tween 30 and 40 combat

Compared with the Serb military might, the Croats in Bosnia have about 50,000 soldiers and the Muslims, between 30,000 and 50,000. The Croats have armoured personnel carriers and antiquated anti-aircraft guns but there is no evidence of tanks and so a force? The Muslims and no aircraft. The Muslims, in particular, have diminish-

ing stocks of guns and ammunition, although covert supplies ger through irregularly.

The four UN infantry battalion reinforcements sent to Bosnia in November over four large sectors of the country, the British and Spanish in Croat-Muslim areas in the south and centre, and the French and Canadians in

Serb-occupied regions in the

All the battalions have armoured personnel carriers but they were expected principally to protect the troops from attack, not to be used in anger gainst the warring factions. The military fears that action against Serb aircraft could make the troops on the ground more vulnerable than they are already. They have neither anti-aircraft guns nor artillery. The heaviest weapon with the British is the 30mm Rardon cannon on the Warrior and Scimitar armoured

The Serb air power consists of Super Galebs, which are Yugoslav-made trainers and tactical fighters, and Oracs, which have a ground-attack role. Their helicopters are Gazelles, armed with Sovier missiles, and Soviet Hips,

Ranged against them could be American F14 Tomcats and FAIS Homets from the earrier, USS John F. Kennedy, and, if Britain agreed, RAF Tornados or Harrier GRS/7s. The latest version of the Harrier has twice the range of the

older Harrier GR3s. Nobody doubts that in a head-on confrontation the Serbs would lose. However, Serb helicopters have been taking casualties from the front, and even if it was felt desirable to shoot down a helicopter engaged in a noncombat mission, it is difficult for a jet fighter. Bying at up to 700mph, to target a slow-moving object travelling close to the ground.

## Noose drawn tighter with warning over Kosovo

Western attitudes are hardening. The Serbs have been given ultimatums on the "no-fly" zone and the safety of Albanians in Kosovo, backed by threats of military force

#### By MICHAEL EVANS

THE international noose around the Serbs, which has been hanging loosely since the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina began eight months ago, began to tighten yesterday. At the conference on the former Yugoslavia in Geneva, the Serbs were issued with several

They were warned that enforcement of the "no-fly" zone could follow if there were further violations of the United Nations ban on military flights. They were also told that any internal repression of the Albanian majority in Kosovo could lead to direct

John Major, the prime min-ister, said in Strasbourg that further action may be necessary. "Perhaps it is time to tighten significantly the sanc-tions net around the Serbs. The price of success is an end to the conflict, the price of failure might be to extend it."

Pierre Bérégovoy, the French prime minister, told his parliament that France backed the use of force if necessary to close Serb prison camps. "We have asked the UN Security Council to ban overflights of (Bosnian) territory, to permit visits to the camps and beyond such visits to close these camps . . . and for that it

may be necessary to have recourse to military force." The toughest words came from Lord Owen, co-chairman of the international conference in Geneva, who is leaving today for another visit to Bosnia. He called for the establishment of an international criminal court to prosecute those guilty of "ethnic deansing" and other atrocities; authorisation by the UN Security Council to enforce the no-fly zone if infringements continued: a toughening of sanctions, and action against the Serbs if they spread the violence to Kosovo.

Fred Eckhard, the UN spokesman for the conference, said that the language used in threatening the Serbs over Kosovo was equivalent to that in chapter seven of the UN Charter, which authorised the United States-led coalition force that drove the Iraqis out of Kuwait nearly two years

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, wanted to know how enforcement of the no-fly zone would work and what effect it might have on the UN troops in Bosnia. However, one se-nior British official said: "Enforcing the no-fly zone doesn't on the Serbs. It doesn't have to involve a single soldier on the ground."

This view was not shared by Dr Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, who warned the conference of the potential dangers of sending in Western aircraft. He denied the Serbs were engaged in any bombing flights, a claim sup-ported by the UN protection force headquarters at Kiseliak in Bosnia. Any attempt, he said, to shoot down Serbian aircraft, would be seen as "an act of aggression" on the Serbian people. "I cannot envisage how desperately we

would react," he said.

Asked if the Serbs in Bosnia would attack UN troops on the ground in retaliation, he said: warn that, if there are any violations of people's rights to live, nobody can predict what desperate people are going to

Brussels: Sali Berisha, the Albanian president, on his first visit to Nato headquarters, said Albania was applying to join the Western alliance. He said Albania would not allow "ethnic despection" in National Section 1988

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## MUSLIM PRISONERS OF THE BRINK



## Bosnia detainees fly to Britain

By Ian Murray

THE first batch of former detainees from Serbian prisons in Bosnia was expected to reach Britain in the early hours of today, still traumatised and emaciated after four months and more in overcrowded camps. Many were in Manjaca camp in northern Bosnia only a month ago.

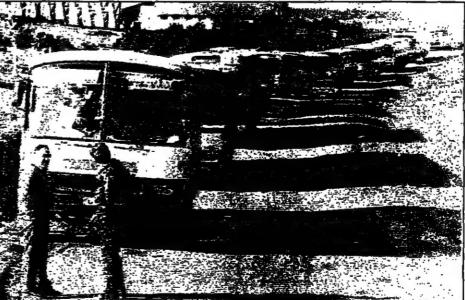
A lucky few will be accompanied on the charter flight by their families, but most of the 100 or so on board can only hope against hope that their closest relatives will be traced and brought to join

Britain has agreed to take 1.000 of the 6,600 former prisoners for whom the Uni-ted Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has been seeking temporary protec-tion. They are being allowed in with their dependants for an initial six months without having to go through the formality of obtaining entry

The Refugee Council and the British Red Cross have arranged hostel accommodation for them in London, Cambridge and Surrey, where they can be treated and wait to link up with their families. Although hundreds of people have offered them rooms for Christmas, the organisations insist that it is better for the refugees to stay together where they have no language problems and are able to support each other, since they share and under-stand a common experience. According to the Refugee Council, the government's de-cision on November 5 to

introduce the visa requirement for most areas of the former Yugoslavia, including Bosnia, has trapped many people there, including those with families already in Britain. Visas are only obtainable at British consular offices in Belgrade or Zagreb, both of which are virtually inaccessible to Muslims from Bosnia.

Home by Christmas: Muslim prisoners, above, waiting to be released from the Manjaca camp near the northern Bosnian town of Banja Luka, while, below,



"We are constantly receiving letters and appeals from people who are stranded," Susannah Cox, the Refugee Council spokesman, said.
The Home Office insists,

however, that the visa system had to be brought in because 4.000 people from former

Britain as visitors every mouth and some method had to be found to control the influx. Of the 40,000 who arrived this year, 4,500 have applied for asylum but there are no figures on how many of the others have left. The Home Office has 500 officials

dealing with applications

and it takes a year to process each case. Those due in Britain will only be granted permission to stay for six months, although each case will be reviewed if they want to stay. They will be entitled to minimum social security allowances and housing

## Colonel spells out British worries

By MICHAEL EVANS

LIEUTENANT Colonel Boh Stewart, commander of the British troops in Bosnia, yesterday took the unusual step of publicly airing anxieties he and his men confront in trying to deliver aid and warned of potential dangers of enforcing

the "no-fly" zone over Bosnia. Croat and Muslim gunners, he said, tended to fire at anything flying overhead. "I think it's very dangerous for people to fly here," he said.

Colonel Stewart's outspoken remarks underlined the unique role he has in Bosnia. Although he comes under the command of Brigadier Andrew Cumming, based at Split in Croatia, he has the authority to make his own decisions

Other British commanders. notably General Sir Peter de la Billière during the Gulf war. have acknowledged the power of the media at times of conflict. In his memoirs. Storm Conflict, Sir Peter said the media were of "crucial importance ... I was not prepared to have a war to which the media had no

Colonel Stewart is able to speak out almost with impunity because it is recognised that he is the man on the spot responsible for the lives of the British troops. Malcolm Rif-kind, the defence secretary, on his visit to Bosnia last week, gave his full support to the commander.

In spite of his warnings about the dangers of flying over Bosnia, Colonel Stewart pleaded for helicopters to help in "life-threatening situations" where injured soldiers might need to be evacuated. He praised the medical support he has already been given, which includes a field surgical team set up at the British base in Vitez and four Sea King helicopters based at Split. Speaking on BBC radio. Colonel Stewart said the convoy routes pass close to the Serb front line. "That means

we are frequently subject to attack, normally by mortar, artillery or small-arms fire or sometimes by 12.7mm heavy-machinegun fire." he said. The roads were also "dreadful", in particular the mountain track to Tuzla in northern Bosnia, which in places was as high as Snowdon, and another obstacle was the

## European parliament heckles Major

FROM TOM WALKER IN STRASBOURG

JOHN Major was subjected to angry heckling by MEPs yes-terday as he tried to explain the achievements of the British presidency of the European Community to a sceptical audience in Strasbourg.

Any post-Edinburgh image Mr Major may have had of himself as a healer of Europe's rifts was shattered as Socialist MEPs joined their British Labour colleagues in catcalling a largely lacklustre speech from the prime minister. The knife was turned by Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, who gave one of his more sprightly deliveries, and then by Jean-Pierre Cot, the French leader of the Socialists in the European parliament, who dubbed Mr Major "the Jekyll and Hyde" of Europe

The prime minister was criticised on the government's failure to ratify the Maastricht treaty and a range of other EC issues, from external policy on Community's internal growth plan. He also faced difficult questions on the six new Strasbourg seats Britain was awarded at Edinburgh, and strongly resisted calls to share them out through proportional representation.

Mr Major fared a little better when he departed from his notes. Under fire over an EC growth plan agreed at Edinburgh that relies heavily on private-sector funding, Mr Major told the Socialists: "If you spent less time heckling and more time thinking you would realise how valuable that was." When laughter permeated his words on the need to create new jobs, the prime minister said: "I'm surprised that some people think creating jobs is funny. Perhaps because they have secure jobs here they don't mind about the 17 million who don't."

He tried to remind Labour

MEPs that John Smith had in

Bosnia-Herzegovina to the no small part been responsible Community's internal growth for Maastricht's difficult passage through the Commons, but was again drowned out be heckling. "I do get used to these mindless shouted comments. That is why I feel so at home," said Mr Major.

M Cot was criticised by Gaullists and other right-wing French MEPs for giving his speech in English. He said the growth plan had been "the forgotten part of the agenda" at Edinburgh, and said Brit-ain's tardiness over ratifying the Maastricht treaty was tantamount to "playing domestic funny games on the European

This tirade prompted the prime minister into another spirited defence. The House of Commons is a very proud place as well," he said. "It doesn't like to be pushed around and it won't be pushed around." Mr Major said Britain was committed to ratifica-"before the present

session of Parliament ends next year". This means that the government's earlier semiofficial deadline of June 30 has slipped back, possibly to October.

M Delors tried to calm emotions by claiming that a further six-month delay on Maastricht (with a second Danish referendum now expected in April or May) had to be put in context. "What difference will six months make if at the end of the year we will all be together in realising the ideal of the founding fathers of Europe? We have wasted plenty of time over the last 35 years."

He denied that a two-speed Community was developing. but said that a Europe of "variable geometry" was de-veloping. "I think we have to be frank and admit this is a possibility."

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## Brittan tipped to head EC trade talks

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

SIR LEON Brittan is likely to represent the European Com-munity in the ailing world trade talks when the top negotiator's job becomes va-

cant in January. Sir Leon, a former home secretary who is Britain's senior European Commission-er, would find himself in one of the EC's hottest seats. His hopes of securing the main foreign affairs portfolio have been dented by the arrival in January of two former foreign ministers among the seven new commissioners. But the Brussels Commission wields real power in trade negotiations, where it acts on behalf of

the 12 EC governments. The talks under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) being held in Geneva have become bogged down again after a two-year delay was ended last month by a deal on farm subsidies between the EC and America.



Brittan: destined for one of the hottest seats

EC officials confirmed yesterday that the French government sent a letter to the EC team accusing Commission officials of over-reaching their instructions in the bargaining over trade in services. The talks will not meet the latest of many Gatt deadlines at the end of this year.

The Gan talks have seen frequent explosive squabbles

dent of the Commission, and Frans Andriessen and Ray MacSharry, the foreign affairs and farm commissioners, both of whom will step down soon. M Delors is pondering a reshuffle of responsibilities that will reflect the hugely increased workload in foreign The result appears likely to be a three-way split. The senior foreign affairs commissioner, likely to be Hans van

den Broek, the steely Dutch foreign minister, would han-

dle relations with other states and the Commission's input to the EC's post-Maastricht "common foreign and security policy". Sir Leon would look after trade policy, including the Gatt talks, and a third commissioner would handle the talks with the four Scandinivian and Alpine states that want to join the Community in 1995. João

Deus de Pinheiro, the outgoing Portuguese foreign minister, would be a strong candidate for the latter role.

these portfolios is likely to end up in female hands - will also handle the EC's £1.5 billion-ayear aid programme for eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Mr van den Broek's arrival on the scene virtually guarantees that the next Commission president, who lands the difficult task of following in M Delors' shoes, will be a Dutchman. Should M Delors get too depressed by the Maastricht treaty's delays and decide to run for the French presidency. Mr van den Broek would be

on hand to replace him. The Dutch consider themselves to have a strong claim to the top job: they are the only founders of the Community who have never supplied a Commission president for a full term. If M Delors completes ten years in Brussels. Mr van den Broek made elear yesterday that he would step aside in favour of Ruud Lubthe Dutch prime

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## Gunmen surrender to US and French troops in Baidoa

Troops are preparing to patrol the bush. Aid workers fear remote villages will be invaded by Somali rebels seeking loot

FROM SAM KILEY IN BAIDOA

GUNMEN who retired as Cobra helicopter gunships buzzed over Baidoa yesterday joined thousands of elderly men, women and children in cheering the first contingent of American and French soldiers deployed in the heartland of the Somali famine.

The arrival of about 500 armed troops supported by gunships and jet fighters, as well as statements that any Somali Jeep seen carrying heavy weapons would be "vaporised", was largely trouble free. The only incident was when unknown gunmen fired on one another in a densely populated part of the town and injured seven people.

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FROM BEN LYNFIELD

IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI leaders yesterday

weighed up their options in

the fight against Hamas, the

Islamic fundamentalist move-

ment responsible for the kid-

napping and murder of a

Security forces made 100

arrests yesterday, bringing to

1,300 the number of suspected Hamas members held

since Sunday, Moshe Shahal,

the police minister, said. It was

the biggest Israeli crackdown

ever against the movement,

which challenges both the

government and the secular

nationalism of the Palestine

"We are sending a clear

message. We will not allow a

phenomenon in which Mus-

im fundamentalist extremists

make it their objective to

slaughter Jews," Mr Shahal said. Key cabinet members

discussed the threat posed by

Hamas, but several said after-

wards no decision had been

reached about what lies in

store for suspected members of

of the options being explored,"

said Oded Ben-Ami, a defence

ministry spokesman. But he

said such a step had to be considered carefully, as Israeli

law allows deportees to chall-

enge the government in the

Supreme Court. Yitzhak Ra-

bin, the prime minister said:

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No sooner had the troops started to dig in around the airstrip than some US Marines came face to face with the realities of why they had been deployed. A small detachment stumbled into the cemetery outside the hospital as a grave for a two-year-old girl was being dug. Unprepared for such a sight after a week in Mogadishu, where starvation is now rare, one sergeant stared, tears welled in his eyes

and he muttered a prayer. Colonel Greg Newbold, the commander of the operation, said that after reports of a series of attacks on aid agencies and fighting between

clans he had expected some

themselves up without protest, Relief agencies, who had been critical of what they said was the slow pace of Operation Restore Hope in penetrat-ing the interior, welcomed the arrival of the foreign troops. We have had a very tough time recently and now that they are here we are delighted that we can get on with our work in feeding people and delivering health care without the constant threats and

the constant threats and lootings," said Mr Michael O'Reilly, assistant director of Concern, the Irish charity.

Ali Muhammad Rahman stood watching the incoming convoy of troops. Until yesterday he had carried his G3 automatic rifle everywhere. "I have put my gun away. I never wanted to have one in the first place and have never fired it. Now the Americans have

come we can have peace and

the freedom to talk and argue without the threat of being killed by brothers," he said. Tomorrow the Marines will escort a food convoy 45 miles south of Baidoa into the bush where most of the Somali rebels "technicals", or battle-wagons, have been taken into hiding. "We are anxious to geton with delivering humanitarian relief and supporting the relief agencies," sald a senior Marine. "Tomorrow's convoy is important for that reason. It will also be important because

Relief workers lear that the technicals will now be used to loot remote and vulnerable villages of supplies. A young officer said: "We want to send an unmistakable message to the Somalis. We are here to help this country and respect its people. But we shall meet force with majestic force."

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## Syria puts a stop to exit visas for Jews

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN DAMASCUS

SYRIA has stopped granting exit visas to Jews wishing to leave, until now one of the few tangible benefits of the Middie East peace process begun last year in Madrid.

Christopher Ross, the American ambassador, has asked Syrian officials several times to explain the reversal of the new freedom granted to Jews in April, but has been informed that the Syrian government has not changed its policy of allowing them to leave. Senior US officials claimed about 1,000 Jews who have applied to leave have not been given visas. Of the original 4,000-strong Jewish community, about 2,600 have left since April, leaving 400 who intended to stay.

A State Department official peared to want to use the Jews as a bargaining counter with President-elect Clinton, who during his campaign criticised Syria's alleged support of terrorism.

Shortly before Washington publicised the halt to visas. Ibrahim Hamra, Syria's chief rabbi, said in an interview: "Over 2,500 have gone, mostly to Brooklyn in New York. where there is a large Syrian Jewish community. Almost everyone, including myself, has asked for a permit to go. Our community is in transformation." Even before visas halted,

within the law, against the many Damascus Jews voiced organisation, its supporters fears that if they did not leave quickly their new freedom Troops continued to enforce might be withdrawn.



Smile of delight: a Somali child peering past a US Marine as a convoy of American and French troops pulls up at the airport gates in Baldoa yesterday. The United Nations forces will escort lorries delivering food into the bush 45 miles south of the city

## Delhi debates end in shouting match

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

BOTH houses of the Indian parliament were adjourned amid chaos yesterday after the hardline Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) mounted rowdy protests against the dismissal of three BJP-run state governments. The stage is now set for a long period of political uncertainty, with the BJP attemping to force the government into a general election.

The governing Congress (I) party seems to be iteading for a leadership battle. Arjun Singh, minister for human resources, is manoeuvring for a possible challenge to P. V. Narasimha Rao, the prime minister, whose lacklustre handling of the Ayodhya crisis has left him vulnerable. Mr Singh, former chief minister of the huge central state of Madhya Pradesh, has been in the forefront in forcing Mr Rao into a hardline stand aginst the BJP after the demolition of the Ayodhya mosque on December 6. Mr Rao will almost certainly not lead the party into the next election.

A drive against Hindu and Muslim hardliners belonging to newly banned sectarian organisations gained pace yesterday as police swooped on houses and offices across the country. Nearly 3.400 activists, 600 of them Muslims, have been arrested. The BJP is determined not

to let parliament transact any business until Lal Krishna Advani, its leader, is released from jail. Since the Ayodhya crisis erupted, parliament has still not managed to hold a debate on the implications of one of the biggest post-independence crises. Both houses did manage in between adjournments and shouting matches yesterday to approve resolution naming three Hindu extremist groups as responsible for the demolition

of the mosque.

The dismissal of the BJP state governments is a gamble. Mr Singh and other cabinet hardliners argued that it was a logical extension of the ban on extremist groups that sheltered behind the BJP banner. But others warned that it could create a sympathy wave that might strengthen the party in the northern Hindu heartland.

There will have to be elections within a year in the three states — Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan — as well as in the pivotal state of Uttar Pradesh, which was dismissed immediately after the mosque was razed. The elections will be a vote on the philosophy of Hindutva, which mixes Hinduism and politics despite the constitutional ban on using religion for political purposes.

## Seoul acts against ballot rigging

THE South Korean government has dismissed three officials in Pusan, the home region of Kim Young Sam, the majority party candidate in tomorrow's presidential election, accusing them of plotting to rig the ballot.

The mayor of Pusan, the nation's second largest city, has already been dismissed after an opposition party revealed a tape-recording of what it said was a secret meeting at which the mayor and local officials plotted campaign strategy. The tape em-barrassed President Roh Tae Woo's government, which has pledged to stay neutral in the election. Last October he re-

Roh: embarrassed by tape of 'plot' meeting

signed from the governing party in a move intended to ensure election fairness. President Roh expressed re-

grets over the case and said most government officials were trying hard to create a new election culture by maintaining neutrality. The three sacked officials were the regional chiefs of the

police, the nation's spy agency and army intelligence — all appointed by the government. The former Pusan mayor, Kim Young Hwan, had admitted that he had attended the controversial meeting last Friday but denied that they had plotted to rig the election. Kim Doo Hee, the prosecutorgeneral, ordered a criminal

The United People's party. which disclosed the tape, claimed that the secret meeting had discussed ways of stirring up regionalism and antagonising voters.

investigation into the case.

Tomorrow's voting will elect a successor to Mr Roh, whose five-year term ends next February. Private polls show that up to 30 per cent of the 29.4 million electorate remain undecided. The front-runners are Kim Young Sam, 65, of the Democratic Liberal party, Kim Dae Jung, 67, and the UPP's Chung Ju Yung, 77, founder of the giant Hyundai

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Taipei party office is ransacked

**Taipel:** About 50 Taiwanese opposition protesters ran-sacked an office of the ruling Nationalist party in Taipei yesterday as tensions rose ahead of Saturday's parliamentary elections.

The protesters, led by four candidates of the main opposition Democratic Progressive party, stormed into the office. smashing windows and fumiture before carrying off documents, witnesses said.

James Chu, a Nationalist party spokesman, accused the opposition party of waging a campaign of violence and said the Nationalists would take legal action. "Is this democracy? The people should use their ballot on election day to show that they abhor and spurn violence," he said. Earlier, protesters clashed

with riot police. Several people were slightly injured. (Reuter)

## Hostages taken

Phnom Penh: Khmer Rouge guerrillas have taken 21 United Nations peacekeepers hos-tage in central Cambodia, a UN spokesman said. Six "blue bereis" were held captive earlier this month before they were released unharmed after six days. (Reuter)

#### Poll violence

Nairobi: Kenya's govern-ment, alarmed by rising preelection violence, has ordered police to shoot to kill anyone provoking ethnic unrest in President Moi's home province of Rift Valley. The first multiparty poll in 26 years is on December 29. (Reuter)

#### Tourism hit Cairo: President Mubarak of

Egypt has admitted that attacks on tourists by Muslim militants reduced tourism receipts by up to 35 per cent in the past few months, forcing the government to introduce security measures. (Reuter)

#### Christmas gift

New York: Woody Allen, in court for the first time in his custody battle with former lover Mia Farrow, has won the right to to send his children Christmas presents as well as a gift to his son Satchel, who will be five next week. (Reuter)

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## Godfathers of Japanese business find rich pickings in Vietnam

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN HO CHI MINH CITY

When President Bush moved one step closer to lifting the American embargo on Vietnam and normalising relations with Hanoi on Monday, many drew the initially puzzling conclusion that he did it largely because of Japan. Until this week, when American busi-

nessmen were finally permitted to open offices in Vietnam and sign — but not execute - contracts, they have watched helplessly as the skylines of Ho Chi Minh City slowly lit up with advertising hoardings proclaiming the growing presence of corporate Japan. At the airport, Konica welcomes you to the country, on the cracked and bumpy road to Ho Chi Minh City. Ajinomoto wishes you a pleasant stay. and at night the logos of Sony and National Panasonic decorate the horizon.

American hand-wringing over lost contracts increased last month, when the Japanese government announced the re-

sumption of official aid to Hanoi after a 14year embargo, and offered an initial commodity loan worth 45.5 billion yen (£240 million). Aid from Tokyo is expected to reach 200 billion yen a year by 1997.

n Japan, Hanoi has found the economic godfather it has been looking for since the collapse of the former Soviet Union. Japanese businessmen, who have been discreetly settling themselves into a market that many describe as the last lucrative frontier in Asia, are poised to clamber in with large-scale infrastructure projects backed by government guarantees. They are ready to set in train a pattern of investment to rival their domination of Thailand, Malaysia and other South-East Asian countries.

"We've done all our fact-finding and we feel confident that we are established in the areas where we will want to do business Others coming in now are too late," said Shuichi Yamamoto, deputy general manager for the Sumitomo Corporation's

operations in Vietnam. Japan's vast and powerful trading companies began doing business openly with Vietnam in 1989, after Vietnamese troops pulled out of Cambodia. Before that, "we were doing business without signs outside our offices", according to one Japanese resident.

The Japanese trading companies are exporting oil, textiles and seafood to Japan and importing anything from steel and chemicals to noodles. Japanese joint-venture assembly plants are turning out cars, televisions and video equipment to cater to the country's emerging nouveaux riches. The "Doi Moi" policies — Vietnam's version of perestroika — conceived in 1986 and designed to introduce free markets and economic reforms, have already transformed the country from a crumbling communist backwater to the world's third largest exporter of rice.

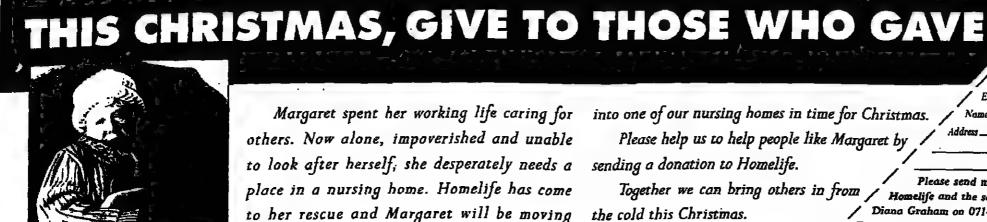
The Japanese are characteristically wellprepared for the new frontier. Where other investors, notably those from Taiwan and Singapore, have rushed in with high-profile and high-value investments and in many cases had their fingers burnt, the Japanese have been moving in cautiously, adopting corporate Japan's famously long-term views. One group of Japanese businessmen, overheard in one of the city's four Japanese restaurants, were discussing business 50

apan's businessmen have plenty to drool about. Takeshi Ohara, general manager in Vietnam of Tomen Trading Company, said: "The people are extremely hard-working, their literacy rate is above 90 per cent and they are eager to learn. The country has oil and other natural resources and will soon become an excellent consumer market for Japanese products which will be increasingly manufactured inside Vietnam.

But foreign investors face enormous obstacles. The infrastructure is a shambles with electricity always in short supply. Trains are barely faster than bicycles, the one road linking Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi is precariously pot-holed and har-bours are too shallow for large container ships. The government is still working on its legal framework and investors are constantly challenged by changing regulations and a tendency to renege on contracts. Corruption, which has recently been exposed at ministerial levels, is another concern. To make matters worse, there is still no golf course and the quality of the sushi is charitably described by the Japanese as "deplorable".

☐ Hanoi: Two years after the end of special trading privileges with the former Soviet Union, Vietnam is expected to post a trade surplus in 1992 of \$75 million (£47 million), the trade ministry said yesterday. The ministry said exports this year would reach \$2.46 billion compared to \$2.38 billion in imports, an export rise of 19 per cent over 1991.

The best export performers were crude oil, rice, seafoods, coal, rubber and coffee. Vietnam's main imports comprised capital equipment and chemicals. (AFP)



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Muslim women have been driven from their homes . . .

## A hateful burden

movement of the unborn child in her womb, the memories of her five-month ordeal as a prisoner in a Serbian military brothel inevitably return to haunt

This baby is not a part of me, it is like a stone in my body." said the multiple rape victim, now recuperating at Sarajevo's Kosevo Hospital. "As soon as I deliver this child the doctors had better take it away. I

will kill it if I see it." Her testimony and that of scores of other former female inmates from ten Serbian brothels has begun to expose the widespread practice of sexual abuse over the past eight months in Bosnia where Serbian forces are estimated to have raped at least 14,000 and as many as 30,000 Muslim and Croat women, some of them held for months as forced prostitutes.

Mrs Konakovic. 30, said her ordeal began last May when Serb forces occupied the village of Sokolac where she lived with her parents. As part of their process of ethnic cleansing. Serbian forces drove out all the Muslim villagers except for some young men held as prisoners of war, and 13 females, including a six-year-old girl, who were kept at the village school as

"They would normally rape us at two ssions every day, once at 11 o'clock at night and then again in the early hours of the morning. They were usually drunk and beat us constantly. My body was the colour of my nightdress," she said,

Richard Beeston in

Sarajevo talks to a pregnant and bitter

survivor of a Serbian military brothel

indicating her bright blue hospital gown. For her, one of the most disturbing aspects of her abuse was that many of her tormentors were from her own village, some of them Serb boys she had gone to school with. She said the Serbs also took delight in forcing their Muslim male captives to rape the women as well.

It was so shaming for them and for me. I just closed my eyes and hoped my life would end," she recalled, adding that initially she wanted to take her own life, until she became driven by hatred and the need to expose the men who had violated

She and the other inmates were released at the end of September, by which time all of the women were five months pregnant, a calculated move by the Serbs to ensure that the pregnancies could not be aborted. "The Serbs told us we should give birth to Chetniks (Serb fighters) because they were the only ones with a right to live in this land."

Although her ordeal was at first thought to be exceptional, Bosnian buman rights investigators claimed this week that the practice was widespread and systematic. with 53 documented cases of former rape victims who are pregnant and estimates of many more too airaid or ashamed to

"It is often difficult to collect evidence because many of the victims were killed and those who survived are often teenage Muslim girls too afraid to testify," said Azra Snaiovic, a member of the Bosnian government's state commission investigating war crimes, which will forward its evidence to three main international teams also gathering evidence about Reged Serb atrocities.

Nevertheless, she has put together a damning dossier of abuse, which gives details of several military brothels, in particular the Vilina Vlas Hotel in the mountain spa town of Visegrad, where several hundred girls are believed to have been raped and many killed, and at a second location at the Sonja Motel in Vogosca, where about 90 women were

One particularly valuable eyewitness to the methods employed by the Serb forces is Borislav Herak, a captured Serb fighter, who has confessed to visiting the bordello in Vogosca a dozen times. He also admitted killing six of his rape victims and dumping their bodies on the Zuc hill north of Sarajevo on the orders of the brothel-keeper. Miro Vukovic, who com-plained that there was not enough space to accommodate the constant arrival of more women prisoners.



... and become the most vulnerable targets of the Serbs

Marlin Fitzwater, the only White House press secretary to be appointed by two presidents, cleans out his desk of memos and memories

## The president's mouth sadly shuts up shop

that'

n the White House brief-ing room, half a dozen reporters stretch out on the seats and enjoy a post-prandial snoozes. They are their newspapers' B-team. The top political writers decamped long ago to Little Rock and

In the West Wing, a few doors from the Oval Office, Mariin Fitzwater, Mr Bush's press secretary, bemoans the interminable transition. "It's terrible," he says. "There's a sense of rejection, and no one likes that. Also, it's all about endings, not beginnings."

From Lafayette Square comes the sound of carpenters hammering nails into this administration's gallows: the stands for President-elect Clinton's inauguration. Next door, secretaries are packing the 110th box of files for transfer to the national archives. For perhaps the first time in ten years Mr Fitzwater's in-tray is empty and his telephones vir-

Above four television sets are five clocks showing the time in Washington, Peking, Paris, Somalia and — Mr Fitzwater being a humorous fellow — his birthplace of Abilene, Kansas. On the walls are the accumulated memorabilia of the longest-serving senior White secretary ever appointed by two presidents and one of the most popular.

There are diverse hats from this particular baldy's huge collection, framed front pages proclaiming Reagan-Bush election victories and the Gulf war triumph, pictures of Mr

Boris Yeltsin, 'It's terrible. Margaret That-There's a and Mikhail Gorbachev. sense of rejection, and no White House one likes president's elec-

Bush wrote on it "Now let's get big in this trawler business." After so many years as America's global spokesman, Mr Fitzwater dreams of drifting lazily in the middle of Chesapeake Bay on a boat

called an albin trawler. But on this grey afternoon. the fag-end of a remarkable Republican era, Mr Fitzwater does lower his guard a fraction. He recalls, with a chuck-

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FRENCH, DRY AND MISUNDERSTOOD.

White House visit before the 1987 general election. The Labour leader had emerged to pronounce the meeting a great success. Within minutes Mr Fitzwater had contradicted him, denouncing Labour's

He denies deliberately skew

didn't understand here worked ... He was trying to suggest President Reagan was doser to his position than he was. I felt I was just correcting the record."
He acknow acknowl-

when they met in Colorado hours after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990. The president wanted to defend Kuwait, but others around the world were not quite so sure. A lot of people were saying, 'Let's let them have a few oil wells, let them have a piece of Ku-

wait," Mr Fitzwater says. She strengthened his conviction by arguing that the Iraqis would invade Saudi Arabia if they were permitted to keep

Mr Pitzwater has given 848 briefings, each a political and diplomatic minefield. Even now he gets stagefright because "one wrong word and you regret it for years". His worst error was calling Mr Gorbachev a "drugstore cowboy" who made arms control promises he could not keep. "I especially regret it now because I think President

Gorbachev is perhaps the greatest government leader of enormous courage.

Mr Fitzwater has sat in on seven summits, more than any other American, and outlasted five Soviet or Russian counter parts. The most memorable summit was Malta in 1989 when a storm trapped the American and Soviet delegations on their respective ships for half a day and one night. At one point he faxed a message to the press corps hotel offering "an exclusive presidential interview to any reporter who can get to the USS Belknap within the next 15 minutes", and three to any

Bush deciding to call Boris Yeltsin on the August 1991. Mr Yehsin said he was trapped in the Russian White House with troops approaching. The president asked if a statement of support would help. Mr Yeltsin said yes, Mr Bush tore to the hotel where a CNN television crew was staying, and soon the coup leaders. Mr Yeltsin and Mr Gorbachev, who was under house arrest in the Crimea, were watching him throw all America's weight behind the

deposed leader. Television has made a global celebrity of the mild, selfdeprecating Mr Fitzwater. In an Istanbul rug shop last year the proprieter greeted him as, "White House talker! White House talker!" In the Churchill Hotel in London he was accosted by a group of Ku-waitis chanting: "The liberation of Kuwait has begun." He considers the words with

which he announced the start of the Gulf war to be his single most memorable line. His worst moment at the White House came in 1983, when the bombing of the US Marine barracks in Beirut killed

Mr Fitzwater expresses wonderment at his experiences, such as being assaulted by a former President of Tunisia. who had inexplicably mistaken him for his errant son; preparing lunch with neigh-bourhood women in Lech Walesa's kitchen; and watching Vaciav Havel, the Czech president, tell Mr Bush, two weeks before his country voted

dynamic flow of history is

about to pass me by".

Previously with the treasury before joining the White House press department, Mr Fitzwater was appointed press secretary to the then vicepresident Bush in 1985. Mr Fitzwater became President Reagan's spokesimm in the middle of the iran-Contra furore of 1987 and rejoined President Bush in 1989. They are fast friends. "We've been through so many experi-ences, Mr Fitzwater says. We both enjoy the ironies of life. When people are bowing and scraping, overcome at meeting the president, he'll

The economy, he says, lost Mr Bush the election - "We were never able to address it in a way that was acceptable and meaningful." But Mr Fitzwater, 50, worries that someone younger could have done a better job than he. "I love George Bush so much it would

be painful to think I didn't do enough to help him win." Last March he abruptly left for a Caribbean holiday in what the press reported was a state of total exasperation at the inept campaign. There was a "grain of truth" in that, he admits, but insists the story was much exaggerated.

His particular target was last week's discussion on

men's groups. This was inter-

esting because, although it ran

over the familiar ground about "getting in touch with your

emotionality", for balance, Mr

Paling had invited an exces-

sively macho character from Manchester called Alan

Beswick. He kept snapping

out unsupportive remarks like

What do you mean, a desire

unexpected strengths has

been the determination of

he must write another. Mr Fitzwater, a divorced father of two, will write a book MARTIN FLETCHER

Bald eagle of the White House: Marlin Fitzwater gave 848 press briefings, each one a political minefield

#### Listening to the noise from the boys The pillars of the temple have had a nasty Not just in recherché men's groups, but on mainstream

shaking this autumn. In the very same week that the General Synod voted for women priests. Radio 4 delivered a shock to its settled Saturday evening audience. Just at that comfortable presupper moment when for a decade or more we had expected the brittle, well-armed masculine banter of Stop The Week under Robert Robinson. here was another group of men gruffly hurling their armour to the four winds to discuss the meaning of manhood, exchanging recipes for duck with kumquats, and cheerfully admitting that they cry in their cars while listening

spot on Radio 1. The poor old Sunday Telegraph lashed out in instinctive terror at this "New Lach-rymosity" and 50 listeners rang in immediately. One was a vegetarian furious about the fate of the duck, a few others said "Steady on, lads!" in alarmed tones, but the rest, to the secret amazement of the management, chorused

to Simon Bates' "Our Song"

'About time too!" Men's Hour - well, halfbour - had arrived. Since the BBC pays Jenni Murray to deny, daily, any suggestion that men must work and women must weep, men have understandably retaliated by asserting their right to weep.

radio, before Robert Robinson's chair had even cooled.

The Locker Room an-nounced itself as "the place where men bare their souls". Its presenter, by an irony not lost on the Saturday evening G&T drinkers, even has the nerve to be called Robinson. He is Tom Robinson, the former pop singer who once sang Glad to be Gay.

Six weeks on, with the series' final programme in preparation, it is possible for Chris Paling, the producer, to assess what he has done to British manhood. There are no audience figures as yet, but judging by letters and calls, it is a succes d'estime at least.

Protests were swiftly met by counter-protests: when the Feedback programme broadcast a letter from a woman outraged at having to listen to an item about penile implants while her eight-year-old child was awake, another woman wrote in to say that she would be perfectly happy for hers to hear all about erections anytime, and that the programme

was a breath of fresh air. As for the men, in the main, they expressed unrestrained delight. Some observed that they had spent years driving along the motorway putting up with the female body and soul as bared on Woman's Hour, so sauce for the gander Radio 4's 'Men's Hour' has stirred a fierce debate about masculinity



Boy talk: Tom Robinson, presenter of The Locker Room

week, he was playing back the

latest batch of answering

machine messages. All were interested and full of sugges-

tions for the second series.

except one furious, unrecon-

structed Duke of Edinburgh

soundalike who barked: "What a lot of rubbish! Must

be organised by the Woman's

Hour caper. Never been in a

perishing locker room in their life, those bods!"

(with or without kurnquats) was well in order.

On the question of penile surgery, one was sharp about the disgust in some women's letters: had not he been putting up with items on menstruation for years without complaining?

There is a heady sense of a dislogue building up, a vacu-um being filled. As I walked into Mr Paling's office this

for community? and rubb-ished self-discovery as a suitable pastime for a grown man. \*Coom on, what does it matter Who you are?" n fact, one of the series Robinson, in particular, to

challenge knee-jerk liberalism. "My big regret," hesays. "is the discussion on homosexuality." Referring to the programme's guest, Adam Mars-Jones, the critic, Robinson explains, "We really should have got a red-blooded homophobe in the studio to make Adam work for it. Mr Ordinaire, that's who we want."

Those who cringed though with a certain delight, a sense that something not at all regrettable was happening on Radio 4 - along with the chap who could not bear the idea of touching another man will agree that Mr Ordinaire can be riveting listening. "I'm

sorry but I just... can't... Let's get off the subject?" said the victim, audibly wincing.
The most powerful moment.

and has signed up with a

offered corporate vice-presi-

dencies, but he will instead set

up his own government-rela-tions firm in Washington.

But he will have one last task

before he leaves the White

House. In a cupboard of his

office hangs an embroidered bulletproof waistcoat. One

pocket is stuffed with notes

that each press secretary has

left his successor. None has

ever divulged their contents.

Observing this mysterious tra-dition. Mr Fitzwater duly left

himself a note in 1989. Now

lecture agency. He has been

for Mr Robinson, was the discussion on whether a real man has to be able to fight physically. He, a slightly ashamed coward, faced a nightclub bouncer, a Falklands para and a convicted armed robber. Whereon the para nearly cried, and admitted he thought of his mum while he was at Goose Green. The armed robber said "It wasn't a real gun. If anyone had said, 'Piss off, you're not having my moncy. I'd have gone away," and the bouncer admitted his terror of killing someone. "It's the worst feeling in the world when their head hits the floor,"

It is a new kind of public talk, this man-to-man frankness. I did not realise how new until near the end of the report on penile implants. We suddenly heard the shrill, girlie voice of a nurse in the operating theatre recovery room. faintly patronising the patient. Among those interested, sympathetic supportive male voices, it came as a rather shocking intrusion. For a moment, I think I understood the

Garrick Club. Which may not have been what the programme intend-

LIBBY PURVES

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#### Starved for life

AS THE lorries start to trun-dle into the hinterland of Somalia there is hope that the grain they carry will put some flesh on the skeletal figures of Baidoa. But even after the bacteria in starving guts have returned to normal - so that the digestion is working again - and the bones are covered. the ordeal is not over for the victims. There is evidence that prolonged starvation, particularly in growing children, results in long-term physical

and mental changes.
It is difficult to fureversible damage inflicted on children, because it is unusual for those who have been starved to be able to grow up in a land of plenty; an expeditionary force does not alter the underlying problems. Such evidence as there is shows that head size and height never entirely catch up

after a period of starvation. even though nature does compensate to some extent, delaying puberty and allowing growth to continue to a later age than usual. Intellectually the children, once into adult life, are less bright than betterfed contemporaries, and less well co-ordinated.

Not surprisingly there is a higher level of disturbed



behaviour in children who have been starved. Much of this may be a result of associated emotional deprivation, but anatomical differences, including fewer brain cells and less sophisticated connections have been demonstrated in

those starved in childhood.

Initially too high a proportion of the weight gain is from increased fat deposits rather than from lean muscle. Muscle takes longer to regrow and so strength is slow in returning. Vitamin and mineral defi-

ciency particularly affects the eyes, skin and bone development and as long as there is a deficiency any infection which would be trivial in the well fed may be fatal in the starved. The eye problems caused by vitamin A deficiency can damage or even destroy the cornea and there may be as a result a

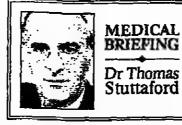
## Avoid rash decisions

CHRISTMAS is not always an easy time for a child with eczema. Eczema is due to many different factors: exposure to allergens or irritants, and sometimes particular food or emotional tension, may precipitate an attack. Staying with granny may have its compensations, but the atmosphere in a strange house may be as loaded with emotional tension as it is with house mites that lurk in the fitted carpets, and dandruff from alien cats and dogs.

This year, some parents will have an additional worry. A recent press report has decried the use of steroids in the treatment of eczema, and advocated instead homeopathy and herbal remedies. Some herbal remedies are effective, but are also potentially very

Views on homeopathy are divided but what is certain is that, correctly used, in selected cases the local application of steroid creams and ointments can bring contentment to a child who would otherwise be bleeding and raw from scratching, and nearly demented from sleeplessness. Those who denigrate steroid preparations must be too young to remember the misery which eczematous children suffered before they were

The first line of attack in the battle against eczema is to discover what it is which is making it worse and then attempt to remove, or reduce, exposure to the cause, whether it is irritant clothing, the wrong temperature, inter-



current infection, some particular food, or contact with pets.

Although steroids are widely used, the risks of side effects from they high. But it is a mistake to rely solely on them. them. Emollients, applied frequently. are useful in keeping the skin moist and in reducing irritation. They may be all that is necessary and are free of side

Emulsifying agents can be used in the bath and as a substitute for soap: even the plainest unscented soap may contain irritants. Skin rendered thick and scaly by chronic eczema can be treated with salycylic acid ointment and coal

When steroid creams are needed in addition, the old adage still applies: the least potent preparation, at the lowest strength which is effective, is the prescription of choice.

When the initial preparation is ineffective, the immediate reaction should not be to substitute one of greater potency, but to change to another preparation of the same strength but

from a different manufacturer. Steroid creams and ointments are classified into four groups: the mild, such as hydrocorisone I per cent, the moderately potent such as Eumovate, the potent such as Betnovate, and the very potent, of which Dermovate is the best-known example.

Children are particularly liable to suffer side effects and for this reason the more potent preparations are used only under careful supervision for a very short time. Simple hydrocortisone is always the preparation of first choice in children but even that should not be used, except under strict medical supervision, for prolonged periods.

People of any age should avoid using potent preparations on the face, or any other area in which the skin is very fine and sensitive, for more than a few days at a time. It is possible to produce a rash which is worse than that which prompted the initial treatment, and one which is very resistant to further medication. The skin is thinned and looks not unlike that of a sufferer of acne rosacea with its inflamm-ation, dilated blood vessels and red

Eczema can all too easily become infected, in which case concurrent treatment with antibiotics will be necessary. In some areas of the body, a combined steroid fungicide preparation essential as steroid creams without fungicidal back-up can exacerbate the

TONY MCSWEENEY



### Smokers' arteries

MARLENE Dietrich was often photographed smoking. In the era when Miss Dietrich was at the height of her powers the cigarette was still a symbol of sophistication and sexiness. While it may be uncertain what smoking did for her sex appeal it is certain that in her case it caused a particularly painful condition, peripheral arterial disease. Arterial sur-gery was needed to save the famously beautiful legs from gangrene and amputation.

The same risk factors lead to arterial disease whether the artery is in the brain, the heart. or in the limbs. Even so, some risk factors apply to arteries at some sites more than at others. Cigarette smoking, together

with hypertension, are considered the most important factors in the development of narrowing of the arteries leading

to or within the legs.

The symptoms of arterial narrowing in the legs are well known, the patient can only walk a short distance before developing a severe cramping pain, usually in the calves but also sometimes the thighs; after a pause, the pain goes and the patient can walk on again. There is also loss of strength in the legs; Miss Dietrich even fell on one occasion. As in her case, the restricted blood supply results in slow wound healing so that any trivial scrape can become a persistent ulcer.

Blood pressure should be treated, cigarettes abandoned but sooner or later surgery. which is now often very effective, will ultimately be needed.

"Apart from the average shorten-ing of labour by about 90 minutes, which makes a lot of difference to the mother, almost all the babies of

the eating mothers scored higher

on the immediate post-natal Apgar

tests than the babies of the fasting group. So the outcome for the

babies was better too," Mrs Flana-

The Apgar scoring, done at one

minute and five minutes after

delivery, is on such indicators as

heartbeat, respiration, colour, mus-

Ireland, enquiring about its new

technique. Another study, embrac-

ing about 1,000 births, is about to

begin, to provide a better statistical

base. "It would be nice to think we

would get some funding." says Mrs

Flanagan, who did most of the

work on the original study in her

the sips-of-water-only rule persists is a hangover from the days when

general anaesthetics were com-

She believes the extent to which

and the crying reflex.

As a result of a paper Mrs Flanagan

presented to a pro-

vincial conference of

the National Board

of Nursing, and an

interview on Radio

4, the Jubilee has

er hospitals through-

out Britain and

## Remember when you felt down? Fading memory may not be a sign of age,

but of depression and diet. Liz Gill

reports on fitness training for the brain

age, may have the most damaging influence on memory. New research suggests that memory lapses are not necessarily a concomitant of growing old and that in some areas performance might even improve with age. But memory is affected by emotion, and a lot of the memory loss of which older people complain

is due to depression. Depression is extremely damag-

attention, so you don't process the information in the first place, and even if you do you cannot then make the cognitive effort to retrieve it," says Dr Michael Gruneberg, the co-editor of Aspects of Memory (published

by Routledge).
Dr Elizabeth Maylor, a research scientist with the

Medical Research Council's Applied Psychology Unit in Cambridge, sent questionnaires to 100 former Mastermind contestants aged between 24 and 78 (about a third were 50 or more), and found that older contestants did better on general knowledge questions than younger ones. They were slightly slower in the specialist rounds, but remained proportionally as accurate. Dr Maylor, who presented her work to the British Psychological Society's London conference this week, says: "It was very cheering to find that the bad effects of aging are

not inevitable. There is evidence from other studies that there are people who do not decline like the rest of us, and there are also people who, by practice, can retain a high level of performance in certain areas although they might be declining in

others.' In the context of memory. Dr Maylor suggests that older people may organise their knowledge better, or develop better search strategies to apply it. She believes her preliminary findings suggest men-

epression, rather than tal exercise - reading, doing crosswords and puzzles, maintain ing a lively curiosity - pays off just as physical exercise does.

Dr David Benton, a reader in psychology at University College, vansea, believes that taking care of the body may also help the memory. His experiments with students found that higher blood ghicose levels — as a result either of breakfast or a glucose drink produced a 10 to 15 per cent

formance during 'If memory memory tests. "This isn't a revolutionary cure for Alzheimer's, but it does suggest that our ability to does have a finite synthesise the neurotransmitters necescapacity we sary for memory function may be athaven't fected by diet. 'It also has every

found it' day implications in that if you are doing tasks involving memory you should make sure you keep blood glucose levels up." The key element in retaining

knowledge is interest, according to Dr Gruneberg. "If you are interested in something you will pay attention in the first place and make the effort to process that information."

In one of his research projects subjects were assessed on their interest in football and then asked to listen to the football results: the greater the degree of interest, the more scores they could recall later. "If you have a large store of information on a particular topic

new pieces of information about it are also more meaningful to you and therefore easier to process. If you are already fluent in a language, ten more new words are easier to remember than if you have just started learning from scratch. "With general knowledge it's a case of being interested in a lot of

different areas. These people are the sort who will read a newspaper from cover to cover. But why you become interested in something in the first place or how you can



develop it in a new area we don't really know. It may be biological, it may be cultural."

some extent a measure of education and culture, Dr Gruneberg points out. He sees little merit in being able to simply remember every fact without depth, and cannot see any worth in simply memorising more and more facts.

between memory and intelligence. our ability to remember a span of digits read out at the rate of around one a second. The average is seven. The correlation, though, is not so strong that if someone does badly in such a test it automatically

means they are unintelligent."
The speed with which we can summon up facts from our memories varies according to the individual. "It's like running. Some people are just faster than others, we don't really know why," Dr Gruneberg says. "But there are personality factors as well. You have to be able to handle stress. Some bright people just freeze under pressure,

Good general knowledge is to

He believes there is a correlation "Some intelligence tests measure

and their memory goes. That's what can happen in exams." One of the questions memory

experts are still probing is the "tip of the tongue" phenomenon: how do you know you know something when you cannot actually remem-

r Gruneberg says: "One theory is that the answer to a question has lots of different attributes and you might know some of them but the others are blocked. The blocking often happens when the information is wellknown but has not been used for some time - such as when you are trying to recall the name of an old school friend. You can picture them, you might even know the first letter of the name or how many syllables it has, but you can't get the

The other explanation is that when you are asked a question you make a decision very quickly about whether you should know the answer or not. So if you're asked Who is the prime minister of Great Britain?', you feel you should know, the answer must be there, which you wouldn't feel if you were asked about an unfamiliar place."

So far, Dr Gruneberg says, no limit to the human memory has been established. "If it does have a finite capacity we haven't found it et. We just seem to be able to take in more and more information,

until we die." Indeed, forgetting is sometimes more of a problem than remembering. Brian Highley, who has compiled more than 100,000 questions for the board game Trivial Pursuit, says: "When I first started I used to go to bed and the questions and answers would be swirling round and round in my brain. Now I make a conscious effort to forget them. I go down the pub or play with the kids. Otherwise I'd go

There is a memory man who has learnt all the answers to the 6,000 questions in the current edition, but he still insists on putting an S on the end of Pursuit. You'd think he'd remember the

## Giving birth on an egg

The results of a survey are providing food

for thought in hospital labour wards

'In energy

terms, a long

labour is like

running a

marathon'

ne of midwifery's hard-est and fastest of rules — that women in labour should not be allowed to eat - has been overturned at the Jubilee Maternity Hospital in Belfast, as the result of a research

In straightforward cases where no complications are foreseen, at least 75 per cent of nearly 3,000 deliveries every year, mothers in the Jubilee's labour ward are now encouraged to take light food such

as toast, scrambled egg, sandwiches, ice cream, yoghurt, jel-lies or fresh fruit during labour.

According to the Belfast survey, on average births have been about an hour and a half quicker than on the old one,

which permitted only toast and tea in the very early stages of labour, and merely sips of

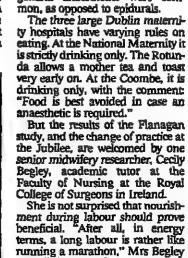
The survey also found that the women who were allowed to eat did not require pain relief, such as Pethidine, until a much later stage in labour, and also required less Symtocinon, a contraction stimulant. As a result, their babies were

generally more vigorous at birth. Half the 44 mothers in the study, which was carried out by a midwife, Angela Flanagan, in association with Dr Kieran Flazpatrick, an anaesthetist, were permitted a light diet, while the other 22, as a

control, stayed with the old rule.

says. "Most people - even men who don't face giving birth - will have experienced the awful headachy feeling of keto-acidosis, ex-

Well-fed: if women eat in labour, babies respond well



own time.

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pending too much energy on too little nourishment."

Smoke-free zone: Lord Archer's guests get the message

aving accepted an invitation to dinner some time 1 ago I was somewhat surprised when my hostess rang me the day before, to say that as she was trying to make her house "a nosmoking zone" she would appreciate it if neither I nor my partner smoked at her home. Too taken aback to say what I really felt, I explained we were former smokers and we would be happy to see her.

Only later was I overtaken by a fit. of almost teenage fury. It was all I could do not to go round to the local supermarket, buy twenty Woodbines (which shows how long it is since I last smoked), light up, ring her up (preferably at the last minute) and say: "Sorry, started smoking again. See you around." What made her request particu-

larly galling is that she is a vegetarian and thinks nothing of ringing before she comes round to tell us she does not eat meat. The message is: "Cook me a special meal." By wanting to lay down rules both as hostess and as guest she, like so many other health freaks; wants to have her carrotcake and eat it.

## No smoke without fury

If she had had an excuse as cumning as Lord Archer of Westonsuper-Mare's I wouldn't have minded so much. He also discourages smoking in his flat, even among the politicians and showbusiness luminaries who have been attending his three Christmas parties, held this week. "It's the pictures," he explained. "Over the years I've seen such beautiful pictures ruined by years of smoking. No one has refused my request not to smoke but I no longer have to make it, since everyone knows my flat is a smoke-free zone."

I didn't notice any rare Impressionists hanging on my hostess's walls. Friends' reactions to her request were varied. "It's her house," said one, "She can ask what she likes." Not a week after extending the invitation, she can't. Not at the last minute, when all her smoking guests have already signed up the babysiners. "Surely she'd let a guest smoke in a special

Is it unreasonable to ban invited

guests from lighting up?

room like the Victorians," was one reaction from a friend who could hardly believe her cars. No. If you wanted to smoke, however addicted you were to nicotine, you had to go

out into the street. "It's your fault. You should have stood up for yourself," said another. As a non-smoker, it would be only the principle I was standing up for - but anyway, as a guest I don't expect to "stand up for myself". I expect my every whim to be satisfied. "Well, there are the risks of passive smoking ... was another point raised. We ell, perhaps. But there's

no question of anyone dying of

lung cancer if a guest occasionally

smokes a couple of fags in your house. And anyway, if she was so keen on healthy lungs, why on earth live in the centre of London? No, underlying her request was a hidden message, a message that

was more of a power trip than a health trip. It read: "I don't want your filthy habits here." Of course, if laying down the rules for guests has suddenly be-

come socially acceptable behaviour then I should really be jumping on the bandwagon. But my requests would be rather different. "Just one thing," I'd say as guests came through the door. "I'm making my house a drunk-free zone. So could you not get quite as pissed as you did last time?"

Or: a deadly-conversation-free 20ne. "If you could refrain from

banging on about how acupuncture cured your backache or how good organic vegetables are for you, I'd be ever so grateful." I'm no Moroccan host. When

visitors come to stay I do not slip out of my bed and sleep on the floor in the kitchen while they luxuriate under my duvet. But I do have some principles about how to behave to my guests. If they get drunk, I tolerate it. I

just don't ask them again. I am always irritated when they ask for a special diet but I never let it show and say, gritting my teeth, what a jolly change it is to have to cook in a different style. If they smoke their heads off, I simply throw the butts in the bin before I go to bed and

open the windows in the morning. Generally, I try to see my guests are having as good a time as possible before I allow myself to have a good time. But the unwritten contract is that when I'm with them they will do the same for me,

Next time we're asked to acquiesce to this request by these friends, I'll put my own form of bullying into action. "Of course we won't smoke," I'll say. "But you do know that my partner and I don't eat vegetables, don't you?"

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# Philip Howard

#### ■ Vicars are sinking in the social scale if they can't be murder suspects

The corpse lay in the library. Dr Black had a gun in his hand, a knife in his back, and a rope around his neck. But in fact, as should have been obvious to anybody using the little grey cells and elementary powers of deductive elimination, he had been poisoned.

The manufacturers of Cluedo, the whodunit board game that has evolved into a television game show, are making one of those little changes that can be interpreted as significant social indicators. This is to be the Reverend Green's last Christmas. Next year he is going to be replaced as one of the suspects in the game by a thrusting businessman, thought to be more relevant and a likelier murder suspect in British society of the naff nineties.

Amateur sociologists can interpret this as a sign of the declining status of the church, with modern vicars more likely to wear sandals and sing "Kumbaya" at you to the guitar than to make up numbers at country house parties with the biffing and boffing set. The Victorian vicarages have been sold, and the parson is part of a team ministry, and lives in a modern council flat,

The irresistible rise of the English clergyman from a place below the sait to the top table has been reversed. Clergymen were promoted as suitable companions for dinner (and so interesting suspects for murder in crime fiction) by the novels of Jane Austen, Trollope and the other Victorians. Their social demotion, now recognised by Cluedo, has been blamed on everything from the secularisation of society to the pauperisation of the clergy, and from the safety net of the welfare state to the Gadarene rush of the Thatcher years, which radicalised middle-of-the-road dergy. A vicar these days is more likely to be running a soup kitchen and criticising the government than sharing pheasant and social chat with the nobs.

In any case, the notion that crime fiction of the golden age, as stereotyped on cardboard by-Cluedo, ever represented the real world is nonsense. If the Rev Green is deemed out-of-date at the modern country house party, how about Colonel Mustard with his silly moustache, who is likely to be from the Essex Irregulars these days because of the army's wider recruiting policy, and in any case is in short supply because of the defence cuts? Miss Scarlett is an offensively sexist image in the nineties, and, if it is authenticity that Waddingtons are after, Professor Phun should be replaced by a plump, left-wing lecturer in economics worried about his tenure.

n fact, authenticity has little to do with the old-fashioned murder mystery boiled down to its basics by Cluedo. The Rev Green always was an improbable suspect. The bible of ich matters lists 200 dergymen in crime fiction as victims, sleuths, suspects and local colour, but not one as murderer. The morality of these fictions was meticulous middle class, and it was considered daring of Agatha Christie to make so Establishment a figure as a doctor the villain in The Murder of Roger Ackroyd. Father Brown is a detective and metaphysical fisher of men. The Rev Leonard Clement (a mudge-mudge name) in Murder at the Vicarage is innocent (sorry, Agatha). Dorothy Sayers has two good vicars: the Rev Theodore Venables in The Nine Tailors and the Rev Simon Goodacre in Busman's Honeymoon, clerical names almost as plausible as Trollope's canonicals.

But if the dergyman as murderer is your bag. you must journey to the exotic shores of Umberto Eco's The Name of the Rose or Ellis Peters's medieval monk-business unravelled by Brother Cadfael. The butler may have done it, though that is cheating the formulaic class structure. Lords and ladies can do it. Even the narrator has done it. But when it comes to crime fiction, dear reader. you can be sure that the vicar did not do it. Nevertheless, Cluedo is silly to drop the Rev Green. The British are still fascinated by peccant vicars, as a glance at the pop press proves. And it is bad news for the thrusting British businessman that he is now considered so olde-worlde a figure that he can join the other obsolete stereotypes of the murder game for the denouement in the

## The new president's choice of aides shows the lasting influence of old liberal ideas, argues Irwin Stelzer

eft-leaning, mildly protec-tionist, green and unlikely to worry too much about a short-term increase in the budget deficit or a decline in the dollar. That about sums up the economic team Presidentelect Bill Clinton has assembled to help him keep his campaign promise to revitalise the Ameri-

can economy. The Clinton crew seems set to provide a short-term stimulus, although its leader publicly wonders whether the recent recovery makes such a "kick" start" necessary. That's where Lloyd Bentsen, the Texas senator named as Secretary of the Treasury, and Leon Panetta, the California congressman who will head the budget bureau, come in Fearful that a deficitraising spurt in spending would spook money markets, Mr Clin-ton picked reassuringly grey. 71-year-old Mr Bentsen largely in the hope that Wall Street would see him as a conservative voice. Grateful for Mr Bentsen's past willingness to dole out tax benefits to purchasers of Wall

## Clinton's backroom boys

financial community applauded his selection. Leon Panetta was also picked

to be director of the Office of Management and Budget to smooth the way for a short-term stimulus. Much admired for his command of budget details and a history of worrying about budget deficits, Mr Panetta can help persuade his former colleagues in the House that higher deficits will be only temporary, soon to be covered by higher taxes on the rich and on foreign corporations, and rapid growth. The annoying fact that this is probably untrue will be ignored during the hyper-frenetic first 100 days of

the new administration. The green tinge, and with it more regulation, will come from Carol Browner, named by Mr Clinton, at the urging of Vice President-elect Al Gore, to head the Environmental Protection

Agency. Most recently in charge of environmental affairs in Florida, Ms Browner was before that a Gore aide and the darling of the activist environmental lobby. Businessmen familiar with Mr Gore's book, Earth in the Balance, and his apocalyptic view of the state of the world's environment, are bracing themselves for a new wave of regulations and, possibly, taxes on fuel use and politation emissions.

The protectionist bent will be provided by Laura Tyson, the University of California professor named to chair the Council of Economic Advisers. Ms Tyson's new book Who's Bashing Whom, caught Mr Clinton's eye, to the joy of House majority leader Richard Gephardt, the Missouri congressman who has long pressed for protectionist measures to relieve pressures on the domestic automobile and other industries unable to meet

Tyson is more subtle than Mr economist who is slated to be Gephardt. Beginning with the proposition that "free trade is not necessarily and automatically the best policy", she moved on to favour "countervailing subsidies" to key industries damaged by competition from foreign companies that receive subsidies from their own governments. (Airbus beware). Such tit-for-tat can easily lead to a trade war. And not one likely to be frowned on by the nominee for Secretary

of Commerce, Ron Brown. Until now chairman of the Democratic Party, Mr Brown has no known ideological com-mitment to free trade. He is a mechanic, and will see his job as implementing his boss's pro-gramme while keeping as many industrial constituents as he can

economist who is stated to be Secretary of Labor. Mr Reich, who claims to be Bill Clinton's oldest friend - they were Rhodes Scholars at Oxford together - has had a profound influence on his new chief. That has its advantages: after a long flirtation with protectionism, Mr Reich has become a free trader. It is now his view that the nationality of a company matters less than where it locates its high-paying jobs. And the na-tion that wins the competition for those jobs will be the nation with the best educated, best trained workforce, he says. The business community hopes he will recognize that a hospitable climate for capital is an equally

industry and jobs. But they worry. Mr Reich is The author is resident scholar

important factor in attracting

as a myth the belief that "the little guy who works hard, takes risks, believes in himself" will succeed. He thinks "the Trium-phant Individual", driven by unfettered profit-seeking, is a thing of the past, consigned to the dustbin of history by "collective entrepreneurialism", a system in which labour, government and business recognize their interdependence.

Mr Clinton, it must be remembered, has made it clear that he plans to be his own chief economic policymaker. That is why he so ostentatiously took the chair at the Little Rock economic summit. making notes, asking questions about the need for stimulus, the outlook for exports and the possible efficacy of a cheap dollar. The details of what he will distil from the advice of his new team can only be guessed. But the broad outlines are clear: activist government, more spending, more taxes, more regulation.

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Hovering over all of these appointees is Harvard's Robert neurial capitalism, and derides

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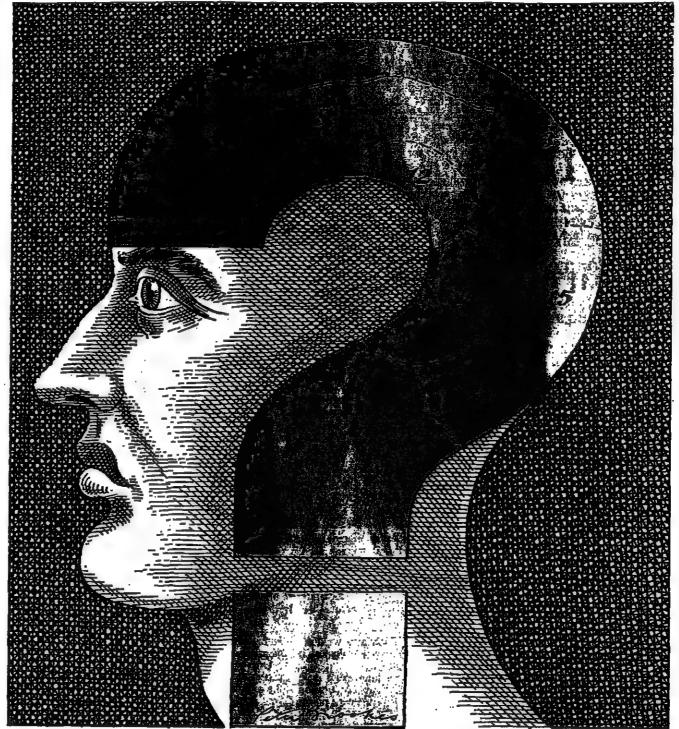
## Inside the mind of a cop-killer

he apprehension, trial, conviction and sentence of Nicholas Vernage is, I think, something more than the im-prisonment of an exceptionally savage triple murderer and the feelings of the bereaved. The widow of the policeman killed by Vernage, when asked whether she favoured capital punish-ment, understandably said yes. and it would be difficult for even the most committed abolitionists (I was one) not to have more than a mornimit's uneast at what he did, though in this case it would be absurd to think that such a man might be deterred by the thought of the hangman.

We can also say that such a creature is — must be — mad, though that will not get us much further, apart from the fact that he did not plead insanity at his trial; but assuredly, what he did (and did it laughing) is so far out of ordinary human understanding that we are reduced to falling back on the nearest explanation, which is that he was deranged. The trouble with that argument is that it immedistely begins to grow in several directions; is it mad - literally mad - for a criminal to hate policemen so much that he vows to kill one and carries out his wow (Vernage nearly killed two more) and if it is, does the almost unbelievable violence with which he carried out his threat make it more or less likely that he is mad? And then, what is madness, if not that which most people do not do and would never do in any circumstances? That is an inadequate definition, but I have never come across a better one.

The next, inevitable, word comes to the surface: Vernage is an animal But no animal would behave like that. His impulses have no directing control in his make up; hate and violence, neither of which he can restrain when in frenzy (not that he wants to be restrained), act as a creature which has no understanding at all would. What, for instance, are we to make of his murder of his former girlfriend; certainly the world has often found love turning into hate, and many rejected partners have killed the thing they loved. But Vernage, after accusing her of failing to visit him in prison, stabbed her 16 times. In what part of the spectrum from wholly sane to entirely mad are we to put

Or: when Sergeant King approached Vernage on suspicion of having stolen goods. Vernage stabbed him four times in the front and four times in the back, and was running away, as any Bernard Levin asks what evil feeds the unquenchable fire of rage



murdering criminal naturally would, when he ran back to the officer and stabbed him again, which any murdering criminal naturally would not do.

But we cannot shrug off Vernage, even after that, as a subhuman figure; witness what he wrote on the wall of the cell in which he was being temporarily held after his arrest for Sergeant King's murder: "Sergeant King was killed, stabbed to death in red, boiling and unbearable blood." The mystery deepens,

because that is not the language of an illiterate or someone mentally defective. It is, however, the language of a man with an unquenchable fire of rage burning inside him.

It will have blood, they say: blood will have blood; Stones have been known to move and trees to speak; Augurs and understood relations

By maggot-pies and choughs and rooks brought forth The secret st man of blood. What

whatever they might be, we can find an equation; a petty thief, a wife-batterer, a confidence trickster, a killer caught in the act of breaking and entering - we can measure the degree of criminality and, with our very rough and ready system of punishment, decide what do with the criminal in the dock. from letting him off with a caution, to sentencing him to a double-digit stretch in prison.

But what can we do that has any

In normal circumstances.

meaning with a man like Vernage? Where is the magic yardstick that can measure such a figure? With what instrument can we get into his head, to understand him or - even more unlikely - to make him understand what he has done?

There will be, there have already been, arguments to the effect that such a man has no right to live after what he has done - an eye for a dozen eyes; other arguments, from more practical sources, leave out the

morality of the decision but say that it is a counter-productive waste to leave him alive; the costs of keeping him, watching him, feeding him, could be spent a thousand better

But what does such a creature represent? What have we allowed into the world that it turns out to be Vernage? Long, long ago, there was a photograph - it became a kind of icon, and I am sure many people reading this will remember it — of a gorilla that had gone mad. It had rushed into the sea; the photographer shot it standing up to its waist in the water. The eyes, the stance, the immobility made an unforgettable scene, but it made something else as well; the rage and the pain intertwined. But we are not animals, and probably we are not mad, either.

eat me these irons hot"; some would say that Shakespeare need not have bothered; such pseudomen are born with the irons sizzling inside them. Not so. I think. Still, I do not know how such a man becomes what Vernage became, so we must ask the impossible question: how does such wickedness and hate get into such men? It is no use, none at all, to say that Vernage was born like that; nobody is born like that, anything - we grow into what we become, and while we are growing into it we have choices. and we take some of these and reject others. Why did Vernage take the wrong ones? The usual fools will say that it is all the fault of society; he stabbed, and went on stabbing, because of our capitalist system — it meant that he had had a deprived childhood, poor fellow. But I had a deprived childhood, too, yet I have never stabbed anyone.

We are responsible for our actions, and if we go on saying that we are not, we shall sooner or later find ourselves in a society in which Vernages can be found in every street.

Blood hath been shed ere now, The olden time.

Ere human statute pure'd the gentle weal: And since too, murders have been perform'd Too terrible for the ear: the times have been, When the brains were out, the And there an end: but now they With twenty mortal murders on their crowns, And push us from our stools: this is more strange Than such a murder is.

## All we want for Christmas

WHAT would our boys in Bosnia like for Christmas? A visit from John Major may not be at the top of everyone's list, but memories of the prime minister's trip to Saudi Arabia before the Gulf war are encouraging those who believe a similar excursion to Bosnia would be a morale-booster for British forces - not to mention a public relations coup for Major.

Both objectives were achieved when Major, complete with gas mask and "noddy suit" - to protect him from chemical weapons - went to the Gulf nearly two years ago. While Downing Street is saying nothing about a possible repeat performance in Bosnia, powerful voices around Whitehall would clearly like to see Major follow in the footsteps of Malcolm Rifkind, whose Bosnian trip last week begins to resemble something of a dry run for the PM.

Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, chairman of the Tory defence committee, believes such a visit would be the perfect Christmas tonic for Britain's 2,000 troops stationed in Vitez. "As was shown in the Gulf, John Major is very

jobs. I think it would be particularly useful for him to consult with soldiers who are actually on the ground," he says.

A Major visit would also please Patrick Robertson, founder-member of the Bruges Group and public affairs consultant to Action for Bosnia. He says: "If this acted as an initiative allowing the Bosnian people to defend themselves - in the lifting of the arms embargo then it would be most welcome."

Meanwhile, Paddy Ashdown, who returns to London from Bosniz today would not comment on any possible visit - presumably not wishing to steal the thunder from his own, action-packed adventures. Downing Street remains silent too. "As you can imagine," a spokesman says, "if there were any such plans, the last thing we would do is talk about them."

#### Safety in numbers

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SEPARATIONS do not come more civilised than the Prince and Princess of Wales's, who yesterday had hinch at Anton Mosimann's (very expensive) Knightsbridge good at talking — and listening — dining club. It was a long lunch — to people who are doing hazardous 12.30-4pm — and, according to



Mosimann's spokeswoman, it was 'convivial".

Romantics will be disappointed. The 100 members of the Wales's staff who chaperoned the couple at the traditional Christmas lunch, with turkey and Christmas pudding, did not witness a reconciliation. The prince and princess sat on separate tables. Nothing unfriendly here, the spokeswoman insists, it was just so that they could "talk to as many people as possible."

MICHAEL Howard grows ever greener. On Monday the environment secretary was spotted mingling at the parliamentary alternat-ive energy group's Christmas party. The Labour MP Frank Cook, the group's chairman, says there were intakes of breath and of genuine pleasure. He seemed very interested - although he is too intelligent to

appear disinterested – which shows that energy is now in its rightful place on the agenda." It is the first time Cook remembers a secretary of state dropping in. "Normally we are visited by undersecretaries like Colin Moynihan. It didn't bring him much luck."

#### Scream test

THE open animosity between Thames Television and Carlton. the company that takes over weekday broadcasting to the London area on New Year's Day, continues apace as the new organisation shows little sign of taking on more than a handful of Thames' 1,300 staff. But Carlton has, unwittingly, added further insult to injury by advertising its new channel on two big billboards directly opposite Thames Euston Road studios.

"It really is vile," says Roy Addison, spokesman for Thames. Carlton insists the sites were booked by their advertising agency on the ba-sis of frequency of traffic. Yesterday, afternoon, however, the offending hoardings were being repostered - with a Smirnoff campaign. Could peace be breaking out?

#### Casey's lament

HAVING resigned as Bishop of Galway in May after admitting he for The Bishop. The book is being





HAD IT not been for the actor James Fox, right, the Balkan Relief Fund's money-raising evening in London on Tuesday would have been unremittingly sombre. Following the serious after-dinner speeches, Fox breezed through two Shakespeare somets, Masters of War by Bob Dylan, left, a Robert Southwell carol and, curiously, John Betjeman's Invasion Enercise on the Poultry Farm. Fox admits the bawdy Betjeman poem was not particularly relevant. "I was trying to provide a little light relief."

had a 17-year-old son, Eamonn co-written by Peter de Rosa, himlems were behind him. His prayers, however, have not been answered. Annie Murphy, the mother of Casey's son, is to burst into print next spring with Forbidden Fruit:

Casey must have hoped his prob-self a Catholic priest for 14 years. A confidentiality agreement as binding as the confessional means de Rosa can say nothing until the book is published in April but the publisher promises it will "tell the story of how she fell in love with Eamonn Casey ... of her fight to keep (their son) Peter . . . of her ter-rible treatment in a convent after her son's birth . . . of Casey's ascent to the highest circles of the Roman Catholic church ...

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De Rosa is more forthcoming about his latest, perhaps not unrelated work, Vicars of Christ. It examines "the dark side of the papacy. I emphasised the sins and the excesses, the inquisition." Although an ex-priest for more than twenty years, de Rosa sees himself as a "loyal Catholic". His writing is guided by a desire to "explode the Catholic myth. When the Pope issued the new catechism he referred to 'unchanging' Catholic teaching. There is no such thing as unchanging. I am trying to help Catholics face the 20th century."

We have to bring the Church into the 20th century.





## TIME TO ACT

The Serbs must be stopped before it is too late

Foreign ministers arrived in Geneva yesterday in a very different mood from the start of the London conference four months ago. Disillusioned, angry, determined, they no longer have hopes that the murderous Serb advance in Bosnia can be halted by reason. negotiation and sanctions.

The horrors of the detention camps, the callousness of the daily slaughter in Sarajevo, the cynical deceit of the Belgrade government and their placemen in Bosnia: all have swelled a wave of international revulsion and increased the pressure to confront the Serbian fighters and halt their attacks on the Muslim victims. Three meetings in three days - in Stockholm, Geneva and at the Nato council in Brussels today - have finally brought it home to the Europeans that the fighting in their midst is a cancerous evil that is spreading its poison throughout the continent. Planning for war has already begun.

Western leaders nevertheless still show great rejuctance to contemplate intervention, which in the view of key governments such as Britain and France would be bloody, prolonged and ultimately ineffective. Their hesitations have been echoed by Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance, the two Geneva mediators, who yesterday called for more time to give diplomacy one last chance. They argue that even a decision to enforce the "no-fly" resolution would be counter-productive; attacks on Serbian helicopters would spell the end of all negotiations, turn Serbian guns on the United Nations forces, and sabotage the humanitarian convoys just when their vital supplies are most urgently needed by the besieged and starving

Muslims. Their views carry weight, the more so as Lord Owen has himself been a former advocate of force, and Mr Vance believes the situation so grave that the world is on the brink of a new Balkans war. The two negotiators have also identified a very real question which has to be answered before any change in the UN rules of engagement is contemplated: what are the objectives and

limits of force? How prepared are western forces, especially and crucially the Americans, to make available the ships, planes and intelligence to respond promptly to violations? And are only the Serbs to be targeted?

What about sorties by Croats? Those are questions for the Nato council today. Western leaders have been too cautious for too long. Enforcement of the "no-fly" zone should not be postponed. The visible reluctance of the West even to seek the necessary Security Council authority looks to Serbian commanders more and more like appeasement. Every flight, be it only a helicopter sortie, in defiance of the UN resolution undermines the authority of the UN and emboldens the Bosnian Serbs to target the international forces now feeding their enemies. The West may want to wait until after the Serbian elections in the hope that Milan Panic can oust President Milosevic. But Nato should today assume that within a week western forces must be prepared for military engagement.

Already the Geneva conference has moved the argument from diplomacy to retribution. France has called for the use of force to liberate those still in camps. America has gone further: Lawrence Eagleburger has named the men, including Slobodan Milosevic — once a friend of this former ambassador to Belgrade - that Washington wants to put on trial as war criminals. The volte-face is striking, reinforcing the Europeans' jaundiced view that American policy over Yugoslavia fluctuates from inaction to over-commitment. Certainly Washington has been goaded by the nagging question of US television networks: if Somalia, why not Bosnia? But Mr Eagleburger is right: the men who ordered the rape and slaughter of civilians are guilty of atrocities and should be pursued for them.

All that is for the future. The Americans do not yet have forces in Bosnia. That omission does not, however, invalidate their conversion to a more activist stance. One by one the European governments are following suit. It is high time.

## **SUNDAY MUDDLE**

The Government should stand up and fight for free choice

The European Court's judgment on Sunday trading yesterday has done nothing to settle the conflict over seven-day opening. Shoppers in the English shires may ask why a court in Luxembourg can rule on when they should be allowed to visit their local supermarket - and what that says about subsidiarity. More to the point, they may wonder whom this curious intervention in national custom has benefited and what it was ever expected to achieve.

The councils involved in the action have interpreted the judgment - that the Shops Act of 1950 does not contravene the Treaty of Rome - as an affirmation of restrictions on Sunday opening hours. But the European Court has simply stated the obvious: that Sunday closing was no more prejudicial to imported goods than to British. In practice, the issue is unresolved and still awaits a firm legislative hand.

To be fair, the court said in its July interim ruling that the hours of business kept by British shops ought to be settled domestically. But in the year since supermarket chains began the Sunday rebellion, the government has wilfully passed the buck upwards to Europe, downwards to local authorities. Ministerial decisions have been postponed because Whitehall was "waiting for Luxembourg", while councils have been left to enforce the Shops Act as they wish.

Many authorities seem content to see the law flouted; a handful have tried to prosecute stores defying the Shops Act and will continue to do so encouraged by the Attorney General's remarks yesterday. Other councils have been scared off by the Court of Appeal's judgment that they would be liable to compensate shops for loss of profit if their injunctions were overturned. In

effect, the rule of law has been decentralised. In its current state the act permits the purchase of pornography on a Sunday but forbids the sale of the Bible. Its penalties are too small to deter the larger stores from opening on a Sunday. This legal mess must now be resolved by decisive political action.

English Sabbatarianism draws on a deep spiritual well. There are still many Christians who believe, as Henry Ward Beecher put it, "that Sunday is a sponge to wipe out all the sins of the week". But liberalisation would not outlaw observation of the Sabbath; rather, it would make its observation a matter of choice. Outside theocracies, it is not for governments to dictate private spirituality. But it is certainly their task to widen consumer choice.

The Tories' dithering over Sunday trading reflects their grim folk memory of the 1986 deregulation bill, the only measure to be defeated in the Commons in Baroness Thatcher's 11 years as prime minister. The Sabbatarian lobby remains strong in Conservative circles and the close vote on Maastricht will not have encouraged John Major and Kenneth Clarke, the Home Secretary, to take a legislative gamble in the forthcoming Shops Bill.

But public opinion has clearly hardened in favour of liberalisation. Stores are opening on Sundays because they have a market to serve, a market that Mr Major should endorse unequivocally. Provision should of course be made for shopworkers who prefer not to work on a Sunday, and the "conscience clause" offered by some retailers to their employees is a sensible model. But the bill should not discriminate against larger stores, as some have suggested.

Talk of a free vote, or of a vague legislative framework to be fleshed out by MPs, is mealy-mouthed. Such devices are appropriate to issues of conscience, but, on this question, the pro-market, Conservative position ought not to be in doubt. The Shops Bill should call for deregulation. It should be passed with a three-line whip. It is time for the government to stand by its own rhetoric.

### DON'T GET BACK

The Beatles should stay where they belong - apart

Yesterday the Beatles were at it again; not making magical music but wrangling in the High Court over who held copyright to some unpublished photographs taken a quarter of a century ago. More tantalising, though, was the hint dropped by Paul McCartney earlier this week that the three remaining members might regroup for a BBC documentary series. .

Even though the suggestion has cropped up with predictable regularity ever since the Beatles disbanded in 1970, it still causes hearts to leap. The Beatles were the most creative band of the Sixties and their music has been the most enduring.

Twenty years after the the release of the Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album, its re-release in 1987 leapt to number three in the charts. The marketing of Beatles music on compact disc has been formidably successful, though whether a whole new generation has been seduced, or whether their elders are upgrading from vinyl to CD is unclear.

Either way, the three surviving Beatles need never work again to lead eminently comfortable lives. Mr McCariney could

probably live happily ever after merely on the song-writing royalties of one classic hit. "Yesterday". The Sunday Times list of the Top 300 richest people in Britain shows him, at number 18 as the country's highestearning musician, with a net worth of £390 million. George Harrison makes it into the list too, at 271, worth £25 million.

So, though a comeback could be lucrative, it is hardly necessary, and it could be disastrous. Mr Harrison was savaged by the critics when he played one concert at the Albert Hall earlier this year. Rock music, like tennis, needs constant practice, and Mr McCartney is the only member who has kept himself in shape. A regrouping of the Beatles could be as poignant as the sight of Bjorn Borg trying to take on younger and fitter opponents with his old wooden racket.

And it would play havoc with people's memories. The Beatles induced the same warm, almost worshipful feelings as do Marilyn Monroe and James Dean. It is no accident that both actors were cut down in their prime. The Beatles stopped when they were ahead. They could never recapture that spirit now. Let their CDs speak for them.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Shape of Europe after Edinburgh

From Lord Bethell, MEP for London North West (European People's Party

Sir, The EC's 12 heads of government took many excellent decisions last weekend, but it was a mistake for them to suggest, contrary to the wishes of most MEPs, that the European Parliament's seat must be

in Strasbourg.

The monthly removal of the EP's entire staff, equipment and members from Brussels to Strasbourg has long been a scandal. It costs our constituents money and makes us less effective in representing their in-

In Strasbourg we have no EC diplomatic corps, press corps or civil service. All of them live in Brussels. A few visit us in Strasbourg from time to time. Strasbourg is short of flights, taxis and hotel space and often foggy. We will not be able to carry out our main task, supervising the EC Com-

mission, so long as we stay there. Governments and national par liaments may decide what they like, but they will never be able to monitor the EC's civil service on a day-to-day basis. If the EP has a task, this must surely be it, to get to grips with the unelected Commission in the same way that MPs control Whitehall here. If we are to do this, we must be based where the Commission is, not

condemned to wander from city to Yours etc. NICHOLAS BETHELL

73 Sussex Square, W2. December 14.

From Mr Toby Horton

Sir, Peter Riddell ("Major's chance to rebuild", December 14) rightly con-cludes that, after Edinburgh, the debate on Europe within the Conservarive party can draw to a close. Two years ago, in a foreword to a Conservative Political Centre publication, I suggested that the Brussels agenda then unfolding ran against the grain of Conservative thought, with consequences that 'could have been entirely destructive.

The outcome of the Edinburgh summit has put these fears to rest and offers an evolution of Europe around which Conservatives can unite. Not for the first time, creative political thought by Britain has restored stability to Europe.

Yours faithfully, -**TOBY HORTON** (Conservative parliamentary candidate, Rother Valley, 1992), Whomion Cous Northallerton, North Yorkshire. December 14.

From Mr Roger W. H. West

Sir, Am I right that it has now become essential that the EC leaders should ratify the Maastricht treaty as quickly as possible, not because the treaty has any particular merit, but because until it is ratified, their attention cannot be given to the other far more important problems which currently face the European Community?

Yours faithfully ROGER W. H. WEST, 10d Gravel Walk, Faringdon, Oxfordshire.

#### Qualified harvest

From the Chairman of the Farmers Club

Sir, Your agriculture correspondent states (report, December 5) that farmers are reaping a bumper harvest from the ERM (exchange-rate mechanism) exit. That is true for those with grain. On the other hand those who use grain to feed livestock are now faced with much higher feed costs and no increase in the value of their produce

That, together with increasing pressure from the public for high welfare standards different from the rest of Europe's is making pig, poultry and egg production increasingly difficult to operate in the UK. One farmer's gain is often another farmer's loss.

Yours faithfully, R. P. VOELCKER, Chairman, The Parmers Club, 3 Whitehall Court, SW1.

From Mr Michael Scott

Sir. Your agriculture correspondent gives the impression of a prospering agriculture with a rosy outlook. At the risk of being branded another whingeing farmer I would draw his attention to the fact that the sterling devaluation has in no way compensated for the significant yield reduction of cereals in the eastern counties this year.

The efficient, effective and aboveaverage arable farmer will be significantly disadvantaged under a scheme designed to maintain the rural population of mainland Europe and militate against employment on a permanent basis on the larger units of the United Kingdom.

We have seen nothing yet of the effect of CAP (common agricultural policy) reform in our rural infrastructure - a matter of the gravest concern to those of us involved in the industry.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL SCOTT, Austhorpe, Ewerby Thorpe, Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

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## Royal separation: marriages not all made in heaven

From the Canon Treasurer of St Paul's Cathedral

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("A boost for the prince's party", December 12) says that marriages are too easily begun, encouraged by the churches which do so little to discourage unsuitable ones.

As one who was in the business of conducting marriages, in four parishes, for over 27 years before taking up my present post. I am at a loss to understand what parish clergy are supposed to do. They have no legal right to decline any marriage, how-ever "unsuitable", unless a divorce has occurred for either or both of the

partners. English law requires the clergy to marry any parishioner, even the unbaptised, together with Jews, Muslims and Hindus, if they or their partners have a residential qualification and are willing to make the

Many clergy are deeply troubled in conscience about this. They do all they can to prepare couples for marriage and it seems strangely unfair to blame them when there is nothing that they can effectively do to change the law, short of disestablishment, which few of us desire.

That would be a steam-hammer with which to discourage the hard nut of English indifference to the matter.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL SAWARD, 6 Amen Court, EC4.

From Mr David C. C. Watson

Sir. If it be true, as Simon Jenkins alleges, that "the churches do so little to discourage unsuitable marriages". the fault must lie with the dergy, not the Book of Common Prayer, which warns that holy marrimony is not to be "taken in hand unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly...but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God: duly considering the causes for which matrimony was ordained" (e.g., children, to avoid fornication, mutual

But in many wedding services today children are not mentioned and the scriptural command that wives should 'obey" is hardly ever included. When the Maker's handbook is disregarded. is it surprising there are so many

Yours sincerely DAVID WATSON, 31 Harold Heading Close, Chatteris, Cambridgeshire.

From Mr K. R. Rollinson

December 12.

Sir, Simon Jenkins is wrong to say that divorce "is only a stigma to those who believe that unhappiness is good for the soul ...". Divorce is bad and is stigmatised principally when there are

Those who have made a mistaken marriage and have children must find a way of learning to live together by mutual self-examination and sacrifice so as not to affect those children. Like any contract marriage has to be worked at to succeed. And succeed it can. To abandon it betokens a failure of character and is not acceptable from those to whom we look for example.

Yours faithfully, K. R. ROLLINSON Orchard House, Ablington, Cirencester, Gloucestershire. December 12

From Mrs M. T. Pollen

Sir. Has the time come to amend the marriage vows? "For better, not for worse" would surely be more realistic.

Sincerely, THERESE POLLEN, Selwood House, Mells, Frome, Somerset,

From Mr Christopher Moncrieff

Sir, Whilst foreigners and their heads of state are undoubtedly impressed by, and interested in, all the trappings of our ceremonial monarchy and our history, many must regard our obsession with our past as being the sign of a nation that looks backwards, not to the future.

Surely, most sensible people in this country wish only for a head of state who carries out his or her duties in a professional and dignified manner, safeguarding the interests of the nation and representing us on the world stage. The present Queen has always done this. What is required now is an organisation designed for

the 21st century, not the 19th.

The paraphernalia of royalty is most jealously guarded by the courtiers and advisers, whose own elevated status in our class-obsessed nation is inexpricably tied to the continuing

existence of an imperial monarchy. If we can have a professional head of state, with a supporting organisation that is cost-effective and efficient in all areas of contemporary life, I think most people in the country will be perfectly satisfied. If the royal family are able to provide the solution there is no reason to be rid of them.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER MONCRIEFF. The Galliots. Radwell, Bedfordshire. December 12.

From Mr D. B. Hadley

Sir, That the tabloids had a hand in the separation of the Prince and Princess of Wales is plain. What chance had the royal couple to mend their marriage with a pack of news-

hungry hounds baying at their heels? Those who think as I do will not forget their behaviour. When the cry from the press goes up to oppose legislation to prevent intrusions into people's private lives (and I speak not only of the lives of the royal family and politicians), we shall remember and will urge our MPs not to leave the precious gift of freedom in such careless hands.

Yours faithfully, D. B. HADLEY, White Hill House, Upham, Hampshire. December 13.

From Sir John Acland

Sir, In your leading article ("For the prince", December 16) you mention the relatively recent pedigree of many royal traditions. It is worth noting that the monarch's right to be consulted, to encourage and to warn, which you also mention, is of similar pedigree. It was formulated by Bagehot himself.

Yours faithfully. JOHN ACLAND, Sprydon, Broadclyst, Exeter, Devon. December 16.

#### in productivity, university salaries Academic tenure

From the acting General Secretary of the Association of University Teachers

Sir, The welcome clarification on security of academic tenure made by Professor Graham Zellick (letter, December 14) did not, however, respond to the suggestion in your editorial (December 4) that the abolition of tenure was directed at improving efficiency in the university system, and that performance-related pay will

introduce much-needed flexibility. Since the terms of the Education Reform Act, with statute amendments approved by the Privy Council, have generally come into effect in only the last couple of months, these provisions cannot be the cause of the remarkable

increased university productivity. The staff student ratio has moved from 1:9 to 1:13 between 1979 and 1992, with hardly any increase in cash

#### Child abuse

From Professor Emeritus Thomas Stapleton

Sir, I must disagree with the opinion of Professor Emeritus and Dr Marion Gray (letter, December 12) on the law's role in cases of sexual abuse of children by parents.

If we are to have any hope of reducing the incidence of child abuse, and more especially sexual abuse, it should be de-criminalised. Such behaviour arises from poor emotional development early in life. People who commit such actions are mentally sick and require treatment, not imprison-

This is not in any way to condone their behaviour: it may indeed be necessary to detain them in a psychiatric institution. But to send them to prison does not cure them; it also leads to despair in the abused child when a major part of his or her emotional support (however "ab-

Yours sincerely, THOMAS STAPLETON (Professor of Child Health, University of Sydney, 1960-83). The Foundry Cottage, Lane End. High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. December 12.

From Mr Blake Lee-Harwood

Sir, Alan Fisher's article of December 8 concerning retroactive liability for pollution ("Guilty before the law - but quite legal at the time") contains a fundamental misconception of the issue of contamination. The urgent need to finance the decontamination of polluted sites by making the polluter pay is not about generating costs "that our economy can ill afford"

but concerns the allocation of that cost. If the polluter avoids the cost, it falls to the polluted to pay for the damage. Either way, there are implications for jobs and the economy, irrespective of whether the water or tanning industry picks up the bill.

We can, however, avoid the mis-

have only just exceeded the rate of price inflation (by 4 per cent over the decade) compared with the average non-manual earnings rates which, in the same period, have increased by over 50 per cent.

What other profession, tenured or not, recruits staff with higher degree qualifications in their late 20s and subjects them to three or four years of rigorous probation before appointing them to positions from which they can be dismissed for good cause, redun-dancy or — following the Page case treport, December 4) - for no reason at all, provided notice is given in accordance with the contract?

Yours faithfully, JOHN AKKER, Acting General Secretary. Association of University Teachers, United House, Pembridge Road, Notting Hill, W11. In contrast with this signal increase December 15.

#### Hepatitis treatment

From Dr G. M. Dusheiko

Sir, The statement by Dr Thomas Stattaford (Body and Mind, Decemher 8) that interferon has little or no effect on hepatitis B is unnecessarily discouraging. Several large, placebo-controlled trials have shown a beneficial effect of alpha interferon. Approximately 40 per cent of patients with chronic hepatitis B respond to treatment with this complex anti-viral

and immune-modulating agent.

Although not ideal, this figure is a small but notable improvement, as many patients with active chronic hepatitis B would progress eventually to irreversible cirrhosis.

Alpha interferon may not be the final answer for the treatment of chronic viral hepatitis, partly because of side effects and a slight risk of relapse, and the search for improved anti-viral therapy continues. However, in a proportion of patients gratifying responses to interferon may

Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY DUSHEIKO. Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine. Rowland Hill Street, NW3.

## December 9.

takes of the past and prevent pollution Paying later in the future by ensuring that those who pollute the environment pay for its restoration. Such a regime, en-

> centrate the minds of industrialists on the necessity of pollution prevention. The key to combining a healthy environment with a healthy economy is to ensure that all our environmental laws embody the "polluter pays" principle — a principle supported by the government, environmental groups

shriped in law, would do much to con-

Yours sincerely. BLAKE LEE-HARWOOD (Senior campaigner). Friends of the Earth, 26-28 Underwood Street, Islington, N1. December 9.

and the public

## Student freedom

From Mr Tony Hockley

Sir. The National Union of Students recently produced a charter promoting the individual rights of those in further and higher education. This leads one to wonder whether the union will now accept that the nation's students should also be allowed to choose their national representatives, if any,

The national union is a predominantly political organisation, yet individual students have no direct. means of withdrawing their individ-ual affiliation to its political activities. whilst maintaining its commercial and leisure services, nor of reducing the millions of pounds taken from the education system each year to finance

To bear credibility any students' charter, based upon the rights of the individual, must deal with this issue.

T. C. HOCKLEY (President, Leicester Polytechnic Students' Union, 1988-9), 44 Marsham Court. Marsham Street, SW1. December 8.

#### Stark contrast

From Mr Donal A. Murray Sir, The first few pages of today's Times made depressing reading, an all too familiar occurrence these days. However, the thing that affected me most strongly was the contrast between the image of the starving Somali child on the front and that of the 18-carat gold Santa Claus from

Bond Street on the back. Yours sincerely DONAL MURRAY. 70 Woodpark Avenue, Ballinteer, Dublin 16. December 16.

## To fit the crime?

From Mr B. A. Harrison Sir, The report by Richard Ford (December 14), that the home secretary is considering appointing the managing director of London Underground to head the Prison Service. must surely, if correct, be one of the most remarkable news items of the

I should think the likeliest explanation of such a decision must be that Mr Clarke and his ministerial colleagues at the Home Office do not use the London Underground system. An alternative possibility could be that, having concluded that life for prisoners is at present much too comfortable, he has decided the services of an expert are required to make it more

miserable. Yours faithfully, BERNARD HARRISON, 2 Ashridge Gardens, Pinner, Middlesex December 14.

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#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 16: His Excellency Mr Cecil Pilgrim and Mrs Pilgrim were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commisner for the Co-operative Repub-

lic of Guyana in London. Field Marshal Sir Richard Vin-cent was received by Her Majesty upon relinquishing his appoint-ment as Chief of the Defence Staff. His Excellency Dato Kama-rudin was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor

and his own letters of Commission as High Commiss ioner for Malaysia in London. His Excellency was accompa-nied by the following members of the High Commission: Haji Salim Hashim (Deputy High Commis-sioner), Mr Bahar Ahmad (Senior Rahman Kasbon (Counsellor, Education), Mr R Karunakaran (Trade Commissioner, Invest-ment), Colonel Saidi Zakaria (De-

lence Adviser), Mr Aznah Mat Piah (Counsellor, Information), Mr Nazir Ahmad (Immigration Attaché) and Mr Suhaini Abdul-Datin Jamayiah Kamarudin was also received by Fler Majesty. Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-secretary of State for For-

eign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.
The Lord Westbury was received by The Queen today and presented a sculpture by Mrs Patti Hurlbert on behalf of the Order of St John to

mark her Majesty's Fortieth Mrs Huribert was also received by The Oueen.

Sir Stephen Egerton, Mr Michael Newington and Sir Roger Tomkys were received by Her Majesty on their retirement from omanc Service.

Lady Egerton, Mrs Newington and Lady Tomkys were also received by The Queen.

The Queen. Patron, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this evening attended the Royal Film Performance of Chaplin in ald of the Concess and Talwision.

aid of the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund at the Odeon The Lady Farnham, Mr Robin Janvrin, Mr John Hasiam and Major James Parrick were in-

The Duke of Edinburgh sttended a Lunch given by the . Colonel and Officers of 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Ri-fles at St James's Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE. December 16: The Duke of York arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening from

Captain Neil Blair, RN, and Capital Ruper Maitland-Titterton BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Edward, Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today gave a hunch in Buckingham Palace. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** December 16: The Princess Royal.

Past Master, the Worshipful Company of Farriers, this morning attended a Court Meeting and Luncheon, Innholders Hall, College Street, London EC4. Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in

KENSINGTON PÁLACE December 16: The Prince of Wales, President, Royal Agricultural College, this morning received Professor Jones at St

His Royal Highness, Patron, Abbeyfield Society, this afternoon received Mr Leslie Brazier (National Chairman) and Mr Foster Murphy (Chief Executive) at Kensington Palace.
The Princess of Wales, Patron,

London Symphony Chorus, this evening attended a Concert at the Barbican Centre, London EC2. Viscountess Campden and Cap-tain Edward Musto, RM, were in

KENSINGTON PALACE December 16: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was

present this evening at a Carol Concert held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, in aid of Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. Lady Aird was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE President, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, this morning attended the 75th Anniversary Meeting of the Commission at 2 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance. The Duke of Kent, President, the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquer Club Wimbledon, this afternoon received the Chairman.

Mr John Curry, and the Chief Executive, Mr Christopher THATCHED HOUSE LODGE December 16: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening anended the Olympia International Show Jumping Championships at Olympia,

Mrs Peter Afia was in

London W14.

#### Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will attend the Age Resource awards ceremony and reception at the Queen Eliza beth Conference Centre at 12.15 to mark the UK celebrations of the European Year of Older People and Solidarity between Generations 1993.

tions 1993.
The Duke of York, as Coionel-in-Crief of the Sunfordshire Regi-ment (Prince of Wales's), will attend a Gulf medal presentation parade at Chester Castle at 10.45; and will open the new extension to Macclesfield town hall at 2.55. Prince Edward, as Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will amend the Pacific Asia Travel Association United Kingdom Chapter's Christ-mas luncheon at the Marriott Hotel at 12.40 in aid of the Pegasus project of the award.
The Princess Royal, as Patron of
the British Institute of Sports Coaches, will present the UK Coach of the Year awards at the Cafe Royal at 12.15: as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Gabicci at Gabicci House, Humber Road, NW2, at 3.00; and will visit Link-Up, Units 8-11, The Edge Business Centre, Humber Road, at 3.50.

The Duchess of Kent will attend the annual Christmas celebration in Westminster Cathedral at 7.00.

#### Meeting

Master's Club The annual meeting of the Mas-ber's Club was held at the Oval, Kennington, yesterday, the 110th anniversary of the birth of Sir Jack Hobbs. Sir Alexander Durle presided. Mr E.W. Swanton was the guest speaker at a luncheon held afterwards.



Thinking of spring: Connì Donaldson of St Vincent de Paul School, Victoria, plants the last of 1.5 million crocus bulbs scattered in St James's Park this season, part of a drive by the heritage department to enhance London's royal parks.

#### Luncheons

The Crown Estate
The Earl of Mansfield, First
Crown Estate Commissioner, Mr
Christopher Howes, Second Cristopher Howes, Second Crown Estate Commissioner, and Commissioners Mr Richard Caws, Mr George Lillingston, Mr Phillip Sober, Mr Jimmy James, Mr Angus Macdonald and Mr John Norris were hosts at a huncheon hold unstanded. held yesterday at 16 Carlton House Terrace. Among the guests were the Duke of Westminser, the Earl Cairns, Viscountess Cobham, Sir John Johnson, Dame Shirley Porter, Councillor Elizabeth Christmas and the Hon Jonathon

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Frank S. Law gave a kurcheon at
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Law, Mr Pener Law, Sir Peter Perile, Sir
Daniel Petti, Dr John Rae, Sir John
Richards, Mr Malcolim Rifichd, Sir
Richard Rogers, Mr Nicholas Scott, Mr
Pener Scott, Lord Sieff, Mr David Sieff,
Sir Peter Thompson, Sir Crispin

#### Service luncheon 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own

His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh attended a luncheon given by officers of 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles in the Queen's Guard Officers' Mess, at St James's Palace. Brigadier M.G. Hunt-Davis, CBE. Colonel of the Regiment, presided. Brigadier C.N.G. Delves, DSO, OBE, attended as a guest.

The Dastuzzada Dr Jal Pavry Memorial Prize for graduate work in the area of international peace

and understanding has been awarded to John Macmillan,

graduate student of Keble College.

The first Bapsybanoo Mar-chioness of Winchester Prize for

caloness of Windelster Prize for graduate work in International relations has been awarded to Jeruifer Waish, graduate student of St Antony's College.

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## Archaeology

## **Remains of Celtic** noble's grave found

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

A BURIAL discovered in Colchester, Essex, thought to be of a Celtic noble, has been dated to the period just before the Roman conquest of AD43. The man may have been related to the ruler Cunobelin, Shakespeare's Cymbeline.

The burial was in two rectangular ditched enclosures, with square pits containing cremated bones and timber funerary chambers, the largest the size of a small room. The walls were of planks held by iron nails. Twenty-four imported pot-

tery vessels, some of them probably holding offerings of food and wine, lay in the chamber. The cremation took place near by, and the chamber and its superstructure seem to have been demolished as the funeral rite progressed. The burial took place around AD25, when Cunobelin was in power as ruler of the Other burials were uncov-

ered. A second chamber also

To a Mouat-iones Scholarship: Catherine Alexandraki.

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contained numerous imports, testimony to the close links between the Roman empire and the still-independent chieftains of southern Britain in the early 1st century. They included an amphora from Pompeii and bowls from Gaul. An amber glass bowl came from Italy, and glass gaming counters from somewhere on the Continent.

Because an iron spearhead and possibly a shield were found, as well as what may have been a gaming board, this has been dubbed a "warrior burial". It dates to the period immediately after the Roman conquest, and is thus that "of an important Briton whom the colonising Romans allowed to carry arms", according to the Colchester Archaeological Trust.

A female burial, found in a smaller 'wooden chamber accompanied by a glass and paste necklace, is thought to have also been a close relative of Cunobelia.

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#### Dinner

Corporation of London The Lord Mayor and the Corpora-tion of London gave a dirmer last night at Guildhall on the occasion of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Conference to mark the UK Presidency of the European Community Council of Ministers.

#### Mr Roger Gray

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mr Roger Gray, QC, will be held in Cray's Inn Chapel at 5.30pm on Wednesday, January 20, 1993.

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#### Birthdays today-

Mr Peter Blackburn, chairman, Nesté UK, 52; Dame Many Cartwright, former mistresa, Girton College, Cambridge, 92; Mr Christopher Cazenove, actor. 47; Viscount Daventry, 71; Lord de Villiers, 81; Lord Glensmara, CH, 80; Mr Bernard Fill, actor, 48; Miss Gwendolen Kirby, former matron, Great Ormond St.

Symposium

Prince Khalid Al Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, Director Generai of the King Falsal Founda-tion, Mr Ibrahim M. Mosty, Charge d'Affaires, Saudi Arabian Embassy, and Sir Michael Anyah, OM, President of the Royal Society, were the hosts at a symposium held yesterday at 6 Carlton House Terrace to mark the first decennium of the King Faisal Inter-national prizes in science and Later Prince Khalid was host at a

dinner held at the Hyde Park

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The following appointments have been made: the Right Rev Richard Harries. Executive Committee Chairman: Lord Finsberg, Joint Honorary Treasurer: Sir Sigmund Stemberg and Lord Weatherill, Vice Presidents: Mr Paul Mendel, Director. Director.

**Appointment** Mr Percival Patterson, QC, MP, Prime Minister of Jamaica, to be a member of the Privy Council.

## Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.J. McEwan and Miss K.L. Drennan

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and Miss AJ. Fone

and Miss LA. Elliott

The engagement is announced between Dominic John, only son of Mr I.A.M. McEwan, of Warenford, Northumberland, and

Mrs B.M.J. McEwan, of

Hastings, East Sussex, and Karen Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Drennan, of Oxford.

The engagement is announced between Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Maxwell, of

Upper Wraxall, Wilshire, and Lucy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Teddy Ellion, of Pulborough,

The engagement is announced between Julian Stuart, eldest son of

Dr and Mrs Salvino Muscas, of

Mells, Somerset, and Amanda Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Fone, of Limpsfield Chart, Surrey.

The engagement is announced between Russell Anthony, son of

Mr and Mrs Peter Pickering, of

Eastbourne, Sussex, and Lizey Caroline, daughter of the late Mr Anthony Goldthorp and of Mrs Anthony Goldthorp, of Westcott,

The engagement is announced between Howard, son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Rogers, of Guildford, Surrey, and Marian, elder daughter of Major and Mrs Julian Kynge, of Porto Granes

Kynge, of Potto Grange, Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

Sir George Kennard, St. and Mrs G. Pollins The marriage took place on December 14 at Chelsea Register

Office between Sir George Kennard, Bt, and Mrs Georgina

The marriage took place on Sat-urday at Saint Augustin's Church.

Madrid, of Mr Konstantin von Knieriem and Miss Virginia

Hardey. The bride's brother, Father Christopher Hardey.

BIRTHS: Prince Rupert, royalist

Mr R.A. Pickering and Miss L.C. Goldthorp

Mr H.D. Rogers and Miss M.E.H. Kynge

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and Wendy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Harris, of Stockton on Tees. Cleveland. Mr N.S. Flarrings The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr N.C.

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The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs G.M. Horrell, of Harrow, Middlesex, and Lucinda, daugher of Mr and Mrs P.D.C. Woolland: of Sandaig, Knoydart, inverness-shire. Mr B.J. Howitt

and Miss J.P. Eston The engagement is announced between Bruce John, only son of Mr and Mrs John Howitt, of Norton, Cleveland, and Jacqueline Patricia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Eaton, of Shaldon, Devon.

#### **Anniversaries**

commander in the civil war, Prague, 1619: Domenico Cima-rosa, composer, Naples, 1749: Ludwig van Beethoven, Bonn, 1770; Sir Humphry Davy. inventor of the miners' safety lamp, Penzance, 1778; Ford Madox Ford, novelist and critic. Merton, Surrey, 1873; W.L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada 1021-26, 1026-20 and 1025-18 1921-26, 1926-30 and 1935-48. Berlin, Ontario, 1874.

DEATHS: Simon Bolivar, "Liberator" of South America, Santa Marta, Colombia, 1830; William

Thomson, 1st Baron Kelvin, physicist, Largs, Strathclyde, 1907; Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, physician and advocate of women's rights to practise medicine, Aldeburgh, 1917; Sir Bernard Spilsbury, pathologist, London. 1947: Dorothy L. Sayers, detective novelist, essayist and translator, Witham, Essex, 1957; Harold Holt. Prime Minister of Australia 1966-67, drowned off Portsea. Victoria, 1967.

The first powered flight was achieved by the Wright brothers in the Kitty Hawk, at Kill Devil Hill. North Carolina, 1903. The battle of the River Plate: the Graf Spee was scuttled off Montevideo, 1939.

The closure of the Suez Canal resulted in petrol rationing, 1956.

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NELSON - On December 16th, at The Portland Hospital to Margaret and Alan, a beautiful daughter.

15th, at Sottmuli Hospital, to Helen (née .Toomey) and Juna 2 pm) Edward Thes.

DEATHS

December 14th at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Stuart Evelyn Abbott O.B.E. ICS (Reld), Emeritus Fellow

DEATES 16th, peacefully after a short innees. Estim M. (Alexi), of Chichester. Service on Tuesday December 22tad at 11 am in Chichester. Cathedral, followed by a private cremation. No flowers please but donations it wished to St. Wiltrid's Hospice, Chichester. Boll-Anth — Gill, on December 14th at home in Sherborne, aged 64. Plantst, psychologist, wife of the laie Dr. John Boumal and the law Dougtas Hutchison. Lowing mann of Katle and Adam, grandmother of Natasha and big sister to Roser. Funeral on Monday December 21st at 3 and 4 young Crember 21st at 3 and 4 young Crember 21st at 3 and 4 young Crember 2 and Adam, grandmother of Natasha and big sister to Roser. Funeral on Monday December 2 and Adam, grandmother of Natasha and big sister to Roser. Funeral on Monday December 2 and Adam, grandmother of Natasha and big sister to Roser. Funeral on Monday December 2 and Adam, grandmother of Natasha and big sister to Roser. Funeral Canter. Woother Carve. Sweeten Found. Property Carve a short libress. Ewan Robert. Special Son. December, of Concer after a short libress. Ewan Robert. Special Son. December, of Cancer after a short libress. Ewan Robert. Special Strong County Hospital. Outsterd. A Caster alian for his life will be held in the New Year.

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CAPITER On December 18th 1992, at Stroud House, Stroud Petersfield, Mary Alice Theresa, peacefully after a more throm. Function Monday December 21st at St. Lawrence's Church, Petersfield, at 1 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Petersfield Hospital. Rowse Ward, c/o Funeral Services Petersfield Ltd., 19 The Square, Petersfield Ltd., 19 The Square, Petersfield. Int. (0730) 262711. Petersfiel 2627 I II. COLCIOUSH - John Richard,
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ai Cuffesborough, Laots. CRAFT - On December 15th. CRAFT - On December 16th, Michael Adrian, peacefully in the Nufflield Hospital, Tunbridge Wells. Loved husband of Dlane, father of Metanle and Debble. Elder son of Kay and the late S.L. Craft. Funeral Service at St. Margaret's Church, Horsmooden, on Tuesday 22nd December at 1 pm. Family flowers only. Denations to Leukaemus Research Fund c/o E.R. Hicknool 4 Son, 41 Crovs Hull Hond, Tunbridge Wells.

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SHAH - On December 13th 1992. Salvad "Moby" aged 35. Barrister. Family funeral. Donations if desired to Amnesty International. 15th 1992. suddenly at his home in North Barwick, Dr. Wilfrid Shingson, greatly loved by his wife Barbara, his sister. Children, grandchildren and many friends. Fureral to Mortonhall Crematorium, Penitand Chapel, Edinburgh, on Friday December 18th at 1.15 pm. No flowers please. Further enquiries to G. Wood & Hay Funeral Directors, inf (062082) 3903. BWEET-ESCOTT — On December 1 dBt. suddenly at The Glindon Nursing Horse. Eastbourse. Harvid David Bond, formerly of Burnahstell, hadia. Baloved husband of the late Kathiets. Much loved father of Katharine and Carolyn and dear grandfather of Christina. Bickham and Trevelyan. Funeral Service at Elizabeth's Church Eastbourse. on Wednesdin, December 25rd at 2 pm followed by cremation at Elashourse Crematorium. Flowers or donations for Elsabourse Lifebout Aspent. c/o Haine & Son Ltd., 19 South Street. Eastbourse.

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## KENNETH BOURNE

Kenneth Bourne, FBA. professor emerits of International History, at the London School of Economics, died suddenly on December 13 aged 62. He was born on March 17, 1930.

KENNETH Bourne's reputation rested on his general work as a historian of British 19th century foreign policy. work which put him in a direct line of succession to the great historians, Sir Charles Web-ster, Harold Temperley and his own master and mentor, W. M. Medlicott.

His great but now, alas, unfinished biography of Lord Palmerston was the product of more than two decades' tireless burrowing in the surviving private papers of 19th century aristocracy. The first volume appeared in 1982 and was to have been the crowning stone of an edifice raised on the foundations of his prizewinning study, Britain and the Balance of Power in North America 1815-1908, and his much studied Victorian Foreign Policy, essential reading for sixth-form scholarship candidates and undergraduates

He was, what is not always common among historians, an efficient and effective editor. When he died he was still working on the editions of the letters of Francis Horner and of the political journals of the second Earl of Minto, to follow his addition of Palmerston's letters to the Sullivan family (1979). He was, in



addition, presiding, together with a colleague over the massive publication by an American publisher of some 420 volumes of reports and papers from the Foreign Office Confidential Print, 1850-1939, having edited some 15 volumes on North America, 1850-1914, himself.

demic Studies Committee and as an academic governor, He was also chairman of the University of London's Board of Studies in History, and a senator and member of the Academic Council of the University of London.

The jaundiced view he then formed of the manner in which continuous, consistent and ill-considered intervention in university matters by mis-advised government officials, primed to detect academic self-interest in every objection to their actions, had no doubt something to do with his decision to take early retirement from his chair at LSE in the summer of this year. It left him neither time nor energy to develop the second volume of his biography of Palmerston, thus pro-viding yet another small but unquestionable example of how public watchdogs are destroying one of the few international assets left to Britain, the ability of Britain's finest academics to secure the time and conditions of work necessary to maintain the reputation of British universities for scholarship.

Kenneth Bourne came to LSE as a graduate student in 1953, having been educated at Southend High School and the University College of the South West. Appointed to the staff of the International Historia ory Department in 1957, he was promoted to a personal readership in 1969 and a professorship in 1976. He was a frequent visitor to the United States, where his Englishness and his scholarship were both highly valued, holding no less than eight visiting professorships and fellowships in America between 1963 and

Although largely unknown outside academia, among his own generation Kenneth Bourne was both loved and held in the greatest of respect. While professionally a gloom-monger he was, otherwise, warm and friendly company, a source of gossip and wry anecdotes, often told against himself. He found it more difficult to mix with his juniors, remembering how, in his own salad days, professors were distant and, on the whole, deservedly respected figures with whom, given the ten years or so probation young academics had to serve. informal relations on first name terms came only slowly over years. He spent much care and

time on his own students, but not very much time with them. He found informal relations difficult with those whose ded-ication to scholarship did not, he suspected, match his own. To his friends and those who shared his passions he was unswervingly loyal, often do-ing good by stealth to avoid

Kenneth Bourne was elected a fellow of the British Academy in 1984 and a foreign member of the American Philosophical Society this

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, a son and a

## THE REV ALAN ECCLESTONE

The Rev Alan Ecclestone. an Anglican priest and scholar who for much of his ministry was a member of the

Communist party, died in London on December 14 aged 88. He was born in Stoke-on-Trent on June 3, 1904.

ALTHOUGH he had latterly ceased to be a member of the Communist party, for much of his most important pastorate, that of Darnall, Sheffield, Alan Ecclestone wore his Markism staunchly. For him (as for many of Latin America's most active priests) it was not simply an intellectual exercise - though he was generally able to defend his position as both communist and Christian with all the considerable power of an articulate mind. Ecclestone was at a remove

from the school of socialism represented by Shaw and the Webbs and thought the Fabians "milk and water". For him socialism was a living creed, as vibrant as that of Christianity. Indeed, he felt that as a political force it was the only adequate vehicle through which to achieve at least some of the aims of the Christian gospel. This could lead him into untenable (not to say morally grotesque) positions. When asked by a local reporter in Sheffield in 1962: "Would you like to see the Communist party governing this country?", he replied unhesitatingly "Yes, I would." By the same token he felt that the Soviet Union had "no alternative" to suppressing the Hungarian uprising of 1956 in the man-

"God's Kingdom on Earth". As befitted a man who believed in the power of action as well as of prayer and thought, he attempted an active role in political life, too, and did not shirk from exposing his beliefs on the hustings in successive local government election campaigns from

ner in which it did, and that

the USSR was "a bit" closer

than other countries to being

1962 onwards. Brought up in Stoke-on-Trent, Alan Ecclestone read English and history at St Catharine's College, Cam-bridge, graduating with bril-liant Firsts in both. An academic career was his for the taking and on graduating he was appointed a lecturer in English at Durham University. But the shocking unemployment in Durham during the Depression; the influence of the Catholic movement in the Church of England, especially that of radical priests such as Jim Wilson of Burslem, Stoke, where he had worshipped; and his own impetus towards the Workers' Educational Association soon transformed his horisons.

In 1930 he went to Wells Theological College and, after taking Orders in 1934, had a curacy in Cumberland. In 1934, too, he married his wife, Delia, who was to become a staunch supporter of his work (she later followed him into the Communist party). After a further curacy at Barrow in

Furness, Ecclestone became vicar of Frizington, Cumberland, where the majority of the male population were unemployed iron ore miners. In his parish disease and appalling poverty were endemic. The task facing the Church stood before him in sharp relief and his purely pastoral ideals were underpinned by a socialism which was by now developed in a most determined manner.

By the time he went, in 1942, to Sheffield, to take over the parish of Holy Trinity, Darnall, he was as convinced in his views as he was steeled in the fires of, often bitter, experience. Darnall was a



tough parish in a city which had suffered badly from bombing. To create a community from his scattered flock Ecclestone developed an idea with which he had experimented with some success in Frizington, that of the participatory parish meeting. This he saw not merely as a chance to share religious belief, but as a method of uniting people in a sense of community on a multitude of practical levels. Politics came into this, too. and on occasions the parish meeting would lobby Sheffield city council on matters of social policy and planning affecting the Darnall neigh-

bourhood In the years after the war Ecclestone's own radical so-cialism became dissatisfied with the performance of the government. "I saw the Lab-our party didn't really mean business as far as socialism was concerned", he said in later years. He joined the Communist party in 1948; his wife followed him within the month. In doing this Ecclestone did not want to appear to be committing his Church to endorsing communism. He felt, indeed, that a whole church should not be attached to any political party, but that as an individual churchman he had the right (indeed the duty) to "subscribe to and work for the formulated programme of a party whose aims are based on moral principles". His usually lucid and persuasive intellect was less convincing when it was later put to him that the communism to which he subscribed specifically subordi-nated personal will to that of

the state, and would never have countenanced such individual action - quite apart from the fact that his chosen instrument for the establishment of God's kingdom on earth was virulently anti-Christian. In 1962 Ecclesione em-

barked on the first of his half

dozen campaigns to become a

member of Sheffield city council. His bishop did not veto such action and though Ecclestone always trailed in last he did, on his first appearance, double the Communist vote in what was a Labour stronghold. In 1967 he chaired the first formal dialogue of its kind in Britain between Christians and Communists. This took place at St Katharine's Foundation, Stepney. London, under the aegis of the British Council of Churches and Marxism Today. It set out to discuss practical as well as theoretical matters. But beyond an anodyne joint statement at the end of the proceedings that both sides felt they had something to offer for the betterment of world conditions it was not clear after three days of discussions how this might be

The accumulating weight of evidence of the brutalities that Soviet communism had in-flicted upon its peoples and those of neighbouring states began, at length, to tell upon the strength of Ecclestone's resolve as a party member. He eventually left the party, though he continued to hold to his theoretical Marxist beliefs.

In retirement in Cumbria the priest from the tough northern parish now demonstrated himself to be one of the foremost scholars of the Anglican Church. Yes to God which appeared in 1975, and won its author the Collins religious book award, was regarded as the most important book about prayer to have appeared in the previous quarter of a century — "taking prayer out of the ecclesiastical drawing of the ecclesiastical drawing room and throwing it on the streets". A Staircase for Silence (1977) was a meditation on the works of the French religious thinker Charles Péguy, who was killed in the first world war. In this, as in Ves to God. Ecclestone stated Yes to God. Ecclestone stated powerfully his conviction of God as being omnipresent and not merely a matter for

metaphysical attention. For Ecclestone love of God was a matter for all of man's senses and not just for the intellectual side of his being. He distrusted theology and wanted God, as well as prayer, brought onto the streets. The Night Sky of the Lord (1980) and Scaffolding of the Spirit (1987) were of a piece with his passionately held beliefs. Both were admired for the deep wisdom with which they explored the imperatives of spiritual life in the modern world.

Ecclestone's wife died in 1984; a son, Giles, a parish priest, died in 1990; another son, Jake, is deputy general secretary of the National Union of Journalists.

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#### **NIGEL BURGESS**

For much of the last decade.

however, he had been swal-

lowed up by the increasing burden of policy-making now

laid upon senior academics.

Within his aima mater, the

London School of Economics,

he served successively as vice-chairman of the Academic

Board, chairman of the Aca-

Nigel Burgess, yacht broker and yachtsman, was drowned aged 49 in the Bay of Biscay on November 26 while sailing his own yacht in a rolo round the world race. He was born on August 19, 1943.

NIGEL Burgess was above all else a man of the sea. Curiously, that made him a distinctive and somewhat unusual figure in his chosen career as a broker handling the very largest and most expensive motor yachts. The rarified milieu of the super-rich that surrounds the harbours of Cannes. Antibes and Monte Carlo was "the office" for Burgess. There he did business with clients such as Adnan Kashoggi and Donald Trump.

Despite the interest of the media in such international figures, Burgess ssed the natural discretion of a surgeon or a Victorian banker. His working outfit of blue pin-striped suit, white handkerchief and highly-polished shoes was a long way from the popular image of a waterfront middleman. Owners from Arab countries, a large client base, particularly valued his utter silence about their affairs.

He handled the sale of the Nabila. then the world's largest non-royal yacht, from Kashoggi to Donald Trump for a reported \$US30million. Burgess enjoyed as much as anyone the story about Trump chiselling \$1 million off the purchase price in return for taking Kashoggi's daughter's name (Nabila) off the ship. But one can be certain it did not originate from Burgess's lips.

He was born in the un-nautical



surroundings of Streatham, but sailed from the age of eight and was educated at the naval school HMS Worcester in Kent. At 16 he joined the Royal Fleet Auxiliary branch of the merchant service. He left, with ten years service and a master's ticket, to become a shipbroker in the City.

Already the single-handed sailing bug had bitten him. As a 24-year-old he had sailed his own 28ft sloop Dogwatch in the 1968 single-handed

transatiantic race. Twenty years later he repeated the effort in the 50ft Dogwatch A. winning Class II and breaking the record for the route.

He opened a London office as a yacht broker in 1975 and a Monaco branch four years later. Burgess was totally unmechanical (none of his boats had an engine) and was uninterested in motor racing. Yet it was a source of joy to his many friends that the Monaco office overlooked one of the most exciting spots on the Monte Carlo Grand Prix course.

As the business grew he was insistent that his partners should be as firmly rooted in seafaring as he was. In an exotic world dominated by gold taps and satellite faxes, it gave Nigel Burgess Yachtbrokers a solidity that clients valued highly and which many rivals envied.

Burgess is survived by his widow, Verity, and a son and daughter.

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DORANDO V. LONGBOAT.

The race between Dorando Pietri and

Thomas Longboat, the Canadian Indian, last night was run in Madison Square Gardens amid a terrible din from a wild uncontrolled

audience that quite eclipsed in volume that which saw the Dorando and Hayes race.

The race had its intermittent surprise

always dramatic, and there was little monor-

ony. The most thrilling surprise of all was the sudden discovery at the fourth lap of the 26th

mile that Longboar was running alone. At a

num of the arena, unseen by the larger part of the audience, Dorando collapsed, inerally run

off his feet by the long swinging stride of Longboat Dorando was helped out of the

arena a picture of woe, lamentation, and

physical exhaustion, crying like a child. The solemn, imperturbable Longboar ran on alone, and won the race by eight laps, proving that if the race occasionally is to the swift, it is

Dorando's measure may be taken when set

against a natural runner with striding limbs

like Longboat. He is equal, probably more than equal, to runners of his own physique and quick short step. He was unequal to the

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Dorando Pietri, the frail but determined Italian, who was disqualified when he seemed to have victory in the 1908 Olympic Marathon within his grasp, was again disappointed at this contest in New York.

pace that Longboat set him, whenever Longboat chose to do so. First one then the other led by turns. When Dorando was behind. Longboat forced the speed for a couple of laps, drawing out Dorando's reserve strength, and then let him take the lead again. When Longboat was behind he seemed to be so by wily tactics; he was like a cat playing with a mouse; he had only to make a stride or two and he was in front again.

He held the weakening Italian in the palm of his hand. Dorando spent his substance in stremuous labours to keep the occasional lead that Longboat allowed him, and when he lost it, in gasping struggle to regain it. Sponges were thrown at him to drench his head, water from seltzer syphons was showered over his limbs by anxious attendants, but to no purpose. Dorando repeated the finale at the Marathon race at the Olympic Games.

On Longboat's recent record - his failure in the Olympic Marathon Race and his defeat in Philadelphia and Buffalo in short distance races — his success was a surprise in many. But to a few it was not and the surprise to the spectators became less as the race proceeded. Longboat is a rawboned illiterate redskin type of elemental man, whose exploits as a runner are governed by his physical condition, which he is apt to neglect. But since he has been training for this race - a matter of three weeks only - he has trodden the straight and narrow path of duty.

LONGBOAT v. SHRUBB

Longboat has accepted Shrubb's challenge for races of three distances of 10, 15 and 20 miles respectively. Shrubb's side bet being \$2,000 for the winner of two out of three races. Longboat, however, stipulates that the first race shall be 20 miles, to which Shrubb agrees, but stipulates for a substantial guarantee that afterwards Longboat will run other distances. Negotiations are still in progress.

## Call for British Gas to be split

British Gas, which gave the government one of its most successful privatisations, should be broken up into two companies, according to the government's own regulator.

Sir James McKinnon, who has repeatedly clashed with the comapny's management, says in a report to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that the split is essential to ensure competition is effective. A furious reaction is expected today from British Gas..

#### IRA bombs blast London shoppers

■ The IRA again struck in London's West End, planting two bombs among thousands of Christmas shoppers in Oxford Street. Police said the IRA were playing "an obscene game" by telephoning warnings that were deliberately inaccurate and designed to maximise casualties..... ....Pages 1, 3

#### Serbs accused

Lawrence Eagleburger, the American secretary of state, came close to naming Slobodan Milosevic, the president of Serbia, as a war criminal guilty of crimes against humanity. At an international conference on the former Yugoslavia in Geneva, he listed seven Serbs suspected of being involved in genocide, including Borislav Herak, who had confessed to killing more than 230 civilians ...... Pages 1, 10

#### BCCI extradition

The British investigation into the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International has taken a significant step forward with the French decision to extradite Syed Ziauddin Ali Akbar, the driving force behind BCCI's operation's in Britain. The Times has learnt that the justice ministry in Paris made a decision to return him to Britain rather than America, where he is also wanted ... .. Pages 1, 5

#### Province warning

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, gave a warning that "ethnic cleansing" would come to the province if Britain mok a unilateral decision to leave. He was speaking in Northern Ireland at about the same time the IRA was detonating the bombs in LondonPage 3

#### Ford axes jobs

Another 7,000 jobs were lost in Britain when Ford, the motor manufacturer, and Birmingham

city council announced largescale redundancies. The moves came on the eve of fresh figures that will show an increase of some 30,000 in the number out of work, taking seasonally-adjusted unemployment to close to 2.9 million..... ..... Pages 1, 2

#### Brooke jackpot

A weekly £1 million jackpot prize will be offered as the bait to buyers of national lottery tickets under the government's scheme which will be unveiled by Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, today. The public will also be able to buy scratch cards for as little as 50p to try for smaller instant prizes..... Page 2

#### PR pressure

John Major could be forced to introduce a proportional representation system of voting to abide by his agreement, signed at the Edinburgh EC summit, to give the United Kingdom an extra six MEPs ...... Page 6

#### Reform rescue

Germany is to give Russia more than £600 million in additional funds in a move to help President Yeltsin and the faltering 

#### Refugee exodus

The remnants of a 60,000strong army of weary Tajiks, who have been driven from home by clan bloodshed, have formed an exodus across the river Oxus to the mountains of Afghanistan...

Traditional farm-fresh turkeys, hand-plucked and with gently decomposing entrails intact, have been declared safe for Christmas dinner tables by EC farm ministers. John Gummer, the agriculture minister, persuaded Community officials that "delayed evisceration" of turkeys, pheasants and other game birds need not endanger public health .... Page 5



Lorrain Osman, the

UK's longest-serving unconvicted prisoner.

arrived in Hong Kong

after a seven-year

extradition battle

today with heavy rain at times. Much of central and eastern England will have a clear, frosty start, but Wales and western

England will be cloudy, with rain edging across from the west during the day. Central and eastern England will stay mostly dry.

Page 5

Un in the air: US airline regulators are set to reject a proposed \$750 million deal between British Airways and the lossmaking USAir which would have created the world's third largest airline. The decision will be given to John Major in the US this weekend Page 19 Jobs markets: Marks and Spencer and Sainsburys are to create 3.000 jobs at a new out-of-town retail, leisure and business park near Glasgow, They expect to create 850 retail jobs between them and estimate another 2,150 jobs will be created by other retailers on the

.. Page 19 Recilient prices: The stock market, shrugging off a day of mixed company news, closed up 14.9 points at 2,732.8. Sterling was stronger against the dollar, closing at \$1.5790, but fell against the mark to DM2.4541 ... .. Page 22

Durie cleared: Gordon Durie, the Tottenham Hotspur and Scotland forward, was cleared by the Football Association of feigning injury. Ian Wright, the Arsenal and England forward, was told that he faces a charge of misconduct by the FA for allegedly striking David Howells, the Spurs midfield player, last Saturday... Page 36

Peak performence: Michael Whitaker brought swift reward to Everest, his new sponsors, when he and Monsanta won the Christmas Stocking Stakes on the opening day of the Olympia show jumping championships... Page 34

Bounian horror story: When Safe Konakovic feels the child in her womb, the memories of her fivemonth ordeal in a Serb military brothel return. "As soon as I deliver this child, the doctors had better take it away. I will kill it if I see ... Page 12

Food for thought: Fading memory may be a sign of depression and diet rather than age...... Page 13 Eating for two: The midwife's rule that women in labour should not eat has been overturned at a Belfast hospital. A survey suggests that

births are about 90 minutes faster

Rachel Lambert,

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Courage award

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a rottweiler's attack

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Too proper Charlle? Richard Attenborough's Chaplin is long on personal details and problems, but short on what made the little tramp a comic phenomenon...... Page 27 Weigh wizard: Anthony Hopkins has directed Bob Kingdom in a

one-man show that recreates an

American recital by the poet Dylan

Page 28 Trinidad tale: Ian McDonald's novel The Hummingbird Tree, the semi-autobiographical story of a 1940s white childhood in the West Indies, is now a BBC TV film, to be shown on Sunday....

More murder: Helen Mirren made a memorable return as a detective with a new regime.......Page 13 in Prime Suspect 2 Page 29 collectors.....

Marion Roe faced

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Death of socialism: Patrick Cosgrave's new book is an ohitmary for socialism in Britain, but Colin Welch sees that there is no shortage of heirs, among them Anthony .. Page 28

Virginia blues: The most famous of the Bloomsbury marriages comes under scrutiny, as Caroline Moorehead defends Leonard and Virginia Woolf against carping Page 29

Christman Books: Fathers Christmas, male and female, receive tips from Times critics on which books to purchase for those armchair generals, ace photographers, countryside connoisseurs, and antiques ...Pages 28, 29



Colin Montgomerie is among the golfers teeing off for the world championship course in Montego Bay, Jamaica Page 32

Double bind: Jewish families who have settled in the occupied West Bank face hostility not only from the Arabs but from the Israeli Labour government. Video Diaries (BBC2, 9.30pm) shows .... Page 35

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#### Time for action

Three meetings in three days - in Stockholm. Geneva and at the Nato council in Brussels today have finally brought it home to the Europeans that the fighting in their midst is a cancerous evil that is spreading its poison throughout the continent. Planning for war has already begun ..... ... Page 15

#### Sunday muddle

The Shops Bill should call for deregulation. It should be passed with a three-line whip. It is time for the government to stand by its own rhetoric ...

#### Stick to yesterday

The Beatles stopped when they were ahead. They could never recapture that spirit now. Let their CDs speak for them...... Page 15

#### BERNARD LEVIN

The apprehension, trial, conviction and sentence of Nicholas Vernage is, I think something more than the imprisonment of an exceptionally savage triple murderer and the feelings of the bereaved.

The widow of the policeman killed by Vernage, when asked whether she favoured capital punishment. understandably said yes, and it would be difficult for even the most committed abolionists (I was one) not to have more than a moment's unease at what he did, though in this case it would be absurd to think that such a man might be deterred by the thought of the ... Page 14 hangman...

#### IRWIN STELZER

Left-leaning, mildly protectionist, green and unlikely to worry too much about a short-term increase in the budget deficit or a decline in the dollar. That about sums up the economic team which Presidentelect Bill Clinton has assembled to help him keep his campaign promise to revitalise the American .... Page 14 economy .....

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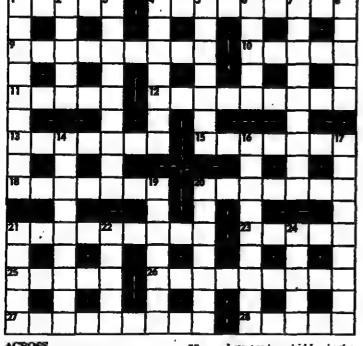
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13 Bloke is injured by dagger (7). 15 Anchor under the weather in puni (7 18 Held still, finally inert (7).

20 Understanding the popular view 21 Cadge and steal washer's accessory (6-3). 23 A wife from the Hague (5).

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. I start to keep hidden in the lady's rambler (5).

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and confidence (5). The party's over, amidst shouting and singing (9).

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14 Make cuts, some I once devised 16 Final and desperate note, note

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19 Sebastian (or was it John?) set up business in the Smoke (7). 20 Disturbed, genuine, naive young woman (7).

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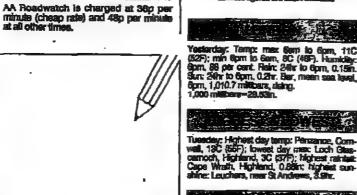
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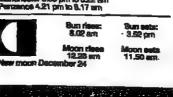
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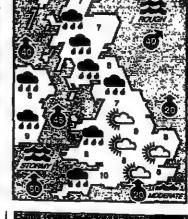
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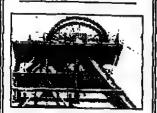
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MTM, the chemicals group, has called a hareholders meeting for December 31, to discuss the company's financial difficulties Page 21

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## Bush to reject **BA links** with USAir

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Bush administration is set to reject British Airways' proposed alliance with USAir, a move that would cause considerable anger in Britain and have major repercussions on both sides of the Atlantic.

The rejection is now almost certain, according to sources in Washington, and Andrew Card, the US transportation secretary, is expected to announce it next week after John Major completes his weekend visit to Washington.

Even a direct appeal by the prime minister to President Bush is unlikely to change the outcome. Only a complete capitulation by Britain to US demands for "open skies" would keep options open.

BA had planned to invest

\$750 million in the ailing American airline in return for 21 per cent voting rights and per cent ownership. This would have enabled it to create a global network with substantial access for the first time to the massive American market. The rejection would not

only wreck BA's plans but would dash any hopes of an agreement in the forseeable future to liberalise the Anglo-American aviation agreement. It also makes it far less likely that the US, without Britain's support, could achieve the liberalisation agreement it wants with the European

Community as a whole. Mr Card is expected to reject the alliance on legal grounds, arguing that it would give BA effective control of an American airline, but the real reason would be political. USAir had welcomed the alliance, but the

John Major will be told next week that American authorities have rejected BA's deal to buy 44 per cent of USAir after fierce lobbying from competitors

administration, under pres-sure from other US airlines, made acceptance conditional on the British government agreeing to an open skies arrangement to give US carriers access to Heathrow and other British airports.

BA appeared surprised last night by the report since the indications from Washington came before Mr Major's visit had even begun. A London spokesman said: "We are still confident we will get the go-ahead." He said BA had done



all it could and was waiting for Mr Card to deliver the promised decision by December 24. Negotiations have contin-

ued throughout the autumn, including three meetings bet-ween Mr Card and John MacGresor, the British trans port secretary. Britain offered to phase in open skies, but only to the extent that American airlines were opened to foreign investment. Sources said Mr Card insisted on Britain ceding open skies unconditionally because he could not guarantee that Congress

would change the investmen

The big three US airlines, United, Delta and American, have lobbied hard against the BA proposal, fearing it would make USAir a significant domestic rival once again. erode their 69 per cent share of transatlantic travel and threaten their global dominance. "It's their worst nightmare competition that they did not expect and do not want," said Seth Schofield, USAir's chief executive. Without the BA investment

however, USAir's fumme is bleak. The airline has lost nearly \$1 billion in the last three years and could collapse within a year or two with the loss of 47,000 jobs. Rejection of the BA pian could also affect Air Canada's plan to invest \$450 million in Continental. another beleaguered US air

line.

British Airways' £17.25 million bid for a key stake in TAT, the French regional airline, has won final approv-al, the company confirmed. The deal gives BA a 49.9 per cent stake in the privately owned airline with an option the remaining shares in 1997, when EC law will allow it to hold a majority interest in a a European company.

TAT owns 54 aircraft and carries 3 million passengers a year. It serves 52 destinations in France as well as Gatwick, Pergamo, near Milan.

Electrifying results: Sir Keith Stuart, chairman of Seeboard, left, and Jim Ellis, chief executive, unveiled first-half profits, up 53 per cent to £9.2 million. They said a price cut for domestic and small businesses was likely next year. (Details, page 21)

## Gilts face 'severe pressure'

By OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S buse budget deficit is going to put insupport-able strains on the UK government bond market if the current system of seiling gilt-edged bonds is not changed, according to one of the top three primary dealers in the market.

"The amount of gilt-edged stock to be sold next year is huge and will put severe pressure on the market. The current auction system will not be able to cope with the strain," concludes a report by Warburg Securities, published today and sent to the Bank of England this week.

It is generally agreed that the Bank will have to sell about £1 billion of gilts every week next year to finance a public sector borrowing reuirement officially forecast at 544 billion. The report recom-mends that the Bank move from its current informal calendar of a gilt auction every two months to regular monthly auctions if the market is to bsorb all the gilts on sale.

Over the past year, the Bank has never issued more than E3 billion in gilts at any one auction and even that has put strains on the rules governing market-makers' capitalisation and the amount they are allowed to bid at each auction. With £50 billion to be sold next year, bi-monthly auctions would have to be for about £6 market to absorb safely.

Government figures yeste day showed that the PSBR continues to deteriorate. The November was £2.2 billion. higher than market estimates of £1.8 billion. That took the cumulative PSBR for the first cight mouths of the fiscal year

## Retail sales deliver blow to consumer-led recovery

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

delivered a blow to recent hopes that the consumer is at out of recession.

The Central Statistical Office said that retail sales fell 0.1 per cent in November compared with a rise of 0.2 per cent in October. Private economists had expected November to see a small rise, to continue a run of modestly positive figures in recent months.

A Treasury spokesman, said the figures still suggested a gradual rising trend in retail sales. Comparing the three months to November with the previous quarter, retail sales were up 0.7 per cent and, against the same three months last year, were up 1.4 per cent.

Nevertheless, the figures were disappointing and appeared to accord quite closely with this week's survey from the Confederation of British Industry, which provided evidence of continued weakness in sales in the run-up to

Within the retail sector, the strength of sales clearly differs. Ian Harnett, of Strauss Turnbull, noted a positive trend in household goods, consistent with a small rise of housing market activity in the much of the weakness is in clothing and footwear and the other non-food category.

In its December report on Britain's economic prospects, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development forecasts a modest recovery in growth of 1.3 per cent next year, followed by 2.4 per cent growth in 1994. This is more optimistic than the Treasury's own forecast of 1 per cent growth next year and dearly more positive than forecasts by many private economists. The OECD's outing pace even more rapidly

BRITISH retail sales figures look on inflation was generally

sanguine, predicting a rise in inflation in the short term as the effect of sterling's devalua tion feed through but then a fall reflecting the amount of

slack in the economy. It gave warning that growth will not be strong enough to prevent unemployment from rising, but said that the jobless total was expected to peak next

The OECD forecast 2.5 per cent growth next year in the US followed by 3 per cent growth in 1994. However, it added that data collected after its report was written suggest-ed the recovery may be gainthan its forecast suggests. It expects inflation to fall to 2 per cent, the lowest for 25 years. Germany can expect growth of 1 per cent next year, but the OECD predicted that the

economy could rebound strongly in 1994 as inflation decelerates and interest rates The OECD said the economic slowdown in Japan may have bottomed out, but the recovery was likely to be

rising to 3 per cent in 1994. French rates raised, page 21

long and slow, with GDP

growing 2.3 per cent in 1993.

## Owners Abroad finds a new set of holiday companions

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

US dollar OWNERS Abroad, Britain's second-largest package holi-day firm, is linking up with 1.5790 (+0.0110) Germany's largest charter air-2.4541 (-0.0037) line and Thomas Cook, sold to German interests earlier this Exchange index year, which will take a 10 per 80.5 (+0.1) cent holding in the tour Bank of England official close (4pm)

Owners has cemented what the parties are calling "the first STOCK MARKETS pan-European alliance" in the travel business in a deal with Thomas Cook and the LTU Group, a German holiday group. LTU is the joint-owner with Westdeutsche Landesbank of Thomas Cook.

**New York Dow Jones** But under City rules, Owners remains a potential take-3278.96 (-5.40)\* over candidate after announc-Tokyo Nikkei Avge ing in October a tentative bid approach from a third party, understood to be neither LTU 17268.71 (-212.03) nor Thomas Cook. INTEREST BATES

Howard Klein, the Owners chairman, said: "We believe that vertical integration and a European involvement is the key to success in this increasingly competitive market." Thomas Cook is taking 22.5 million new Owners shares

and is paying £2.5 million cash and £20 million in loan notes in return. The holiday firm and Thomas Cook will each take a non-executive director from the other's board. The price paid of £1 a share compares with 87p a share, off lp, at which Owners were

trading last night. Howard Klein, chairman of Owners, operator of the Air 2000 charter airline and of holiday firms such as Sovereign, Enterprise and Olympic, refused to be drawn on any negotiations with the unnamed third party. He said a full takeover by either LTU or Thomas Cook was not consid-

ered. "They are happy with a 10.3 per cent stake," he said. Christopher Rodrigues. chief executive of Thomas Cook, said a full takeover, costing 10 times the price, would not have netted 10

times the benefits. Mr Klein said his company had approached Thomas Cook earlier this year to set up some sort of trading alliance, but the German takeover intervened. The parties to the deal have now identified three main benefits.

Owners as a tour operator will sell its products through Thomas Cook's retail outlets D Both Owners' and LTU's airline fleets can operate together, offering significant cost

savings

Combining Owners' holiday operations with those of LTU, creating a customer base of 3.3 million people a year, offers increased buying power, particularly for accommodation and savings on ground handling. Mr Klein said in the first full

year of operation, in 1993-4, the deal would boost his company's operating profits by £7 million, rising to £8 million the next year. The hard times in the

industry pushed Owners' pretax profits in the year to end-October £6.1 lower to £25.5 million. A final dividend of 2.520 makes a total increased from 3.2p to 3.5p.

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MARKS and Spencer and J Sainsbury are to create 3,000 jobs with the development of a new out-of-town retail, leisure and business park near Glasgow. The announcement, yesterday, was the one bright note on an otherwise black day on which Ford said 4,000 jobs were to be axed from its UK sites.

M&S and Sainsbury expect to create 850 retail jobs between them and estimate another 2,150 jobs will be created by other retailers on the site, and during its construction.

The development, at Brachead, five miles south west of Glasgow city centre on the south bank of the Clyde, will cost £150 million and will be one of the largest commercial developments in Scotland The two companies have agreed to buy the 200-acre site from Clydeport Proper-

ties; it comes with outline planning permission for a 600,000 sq ft covered shopping centre with adjacent leisure facilities: 375,000 sq ft of retail warehousing: a business and warehouse park of 35 acres and a site available for development by an hotel. M&S and

Sainsbury refused to reveal the size of

their investments. A spokesman for M&S said the staff would be recruited locally. The company plans to build a single floor store, occupying 120,000 sq ft with a sales area of 80,000 sq ft. Samsbury intends to boild a Savacentre hypermarket on the

site, occupying 120,000 sq ft.

Work on the development will start late next year and the new stores are scheduled to open at the end of 1995. The M&S spokesman dismissed fears that the out-of-town centre will take jobs

away from stores in the centre of Glasgow.

He said M&S is planning to extend its store in Argyle Street from 82,000 sq ft to 106.000 at a cost of £9 million before the Braehead store opens. The company's Aberdeen store is also being extended from next Sutumn.

M&S has 19 stones in Scotland and is planning to open another at Gyle, near Edinburgh, an edge-of-town joint development with Saleway and Edinburgh District Council, next year.

Sainsbury, chaired by David Sainsbury, moved into Scotland with a Savacentre at Cameron Toll, Edinburgh in 1984 and has just opened its first supermarket at Darnley, in Glasgow, in March this year. The group plans to open another supermarket at Blackhall, Edinburgh next summer. Sainsbury also hopes to open a supermarket at Bearsden, Glasgow where it is waiting for the outcome of a public inquiry into its plans.

## Retailers to create 3,000 jobs in Glasgow By PATRICIA TEBAN



Sainsbury: new venture

RETAIL PRICES RPI: 139.7 November (1987=100)

## **Property** provision hits Daily **Mail Trust**

By NEIL BENNETT

A DISASTROUS property development has hit profits at the Daily Mail and General Trust, the media group controlled by Lord Rothermere and his family, despite a strong performance at the group's newspapers.

Pre-tax profits at the Mail in the year to end-September. slipped 8 per cent to £43.8 million, below City forecasts. after the group was forced to make a £26.5 million write-off against the value of its investment properties. These are the first full-year figures from the group since Sir David English, the former editor of the Daily Mail, replaced Lord Rothermere as chairman.

Most of the provision was against Carmelite, the office development near Fleet Street. which the group built on its former head office. The development is still 40 per cent unlet, which prompted the company's chartered surveyors to give it a low valuation. The Mail is deciding whether to redevelop or sell its former offices in Manchester, while its office in Hull are for sale. Despite the fall in profits,

130p for the year (119p). The Mail compensated for the property provision with an exceptional profit of £8 million on the disposal of 1.3 million Reuters shares and a £10.4 million gain on the sale of a wharf in Purfleet, East

the final dividend is increased

per cent to 98p. to make

## Easier path for Owners Abroad

GIVEN the perception in some areas that Owners Abroad was being increasingly outflown by its rival Airtours in the battle for the skies above Europe, the deal with Thomas Cook and LTU will go a long way to restore the company's credibility.

But it does leave hanging in mid-air the question of a bid approach reported in October by Howard Klein, Owners chairman. The reported approach was greeted with some surprise by the market and generally thought to have come from Airtours.

News of the approach triggered an abrupt recovery in a share price that had collapsed 60 per cent over the summer, but takeover rules now forbid the company giving any fur-

The German link, as well as making excellent economic sense and offering substantial cost savings and synergies, has a defensive quality that goes some way to explain why the first movement by Owners Abroad's share price yesterday was downwards.
The turbulence that the

company has been weathering at least part of it selfinflicted, was also on display yesterday. Owners admits it at first called last season wrong, pushing up margins and capacity after the International Leisure Group col-ianse while the rest of the industry was cutting prices. Operating profits to end-October were down £7.9 milhion at £27 million, even

ahead of £4.9 million of

restructuring costs, although

£3 1.6 million to £25.5 million

reflects lower interest costs.

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pre-tax figure down from

without any of the foli benefits from the German deal, putting the shares, off Ip at 7p, on about 8 times' earnings and yielding about 5.7 per cent. Despite the fragility of the markets the company serves, investors should not be rushing towards the emergency exits just yet.

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Hillsdown ·

FOR all his charm, Sir Harry Solomon had few friends in the City, and even fewer after Hillsdown's opportunistic rights issue last year. The 15 per cent bounce in the share price in the past two days the market had

Linking up: Christopher Rodrigues, left, of Thomas Cook, and Howard Klein hoped for some sort of ap-proach to accompany his

> The appointment of David Newton as chief executive shows that a new chapter is beginning at Hillsdown. The days of lightning acquisition sprees and incomplete consolidation are long gone. Mr Newton has a reputation as a hard-nosed numbers man. His priority will be to acceler-

ate the disposal programme.

Most of the non-food businesses are ideal candidates for disposal including Christie-Tyler, the upholstered fur-niture manufacturer, and bousebuilding and property. Hillsdown may also try to sell

its commodity food business es, such as poultry and meat. That would allow it to concentrate on higher margins busi-nesses, such as ready meals and beverages

A series of successful disposals would knock a big hole in the group's debts of £300 million and even turn it into a net cash holder within three years. The process started earlier this month with the £17 million sale of Sleepeezee.

The group has repeated its ent to hold the final dividend at 6.6p. This makes the shares an attractive income play, with a yield of 9.1 per cent. Admittedly, the dividend cover is likely to fall to

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less than 1.5 this year and shareholders will need to be patient to see any sharp rise in the dividend or profits. But the Solomon-free Hillsdown is well worth following.

#### **HP Bulmer**

CIDER is not everyone's idea as an antidote to recession. but the British market has grown from 66 million gallons in 1989 to 81 millions this year.

The growth has undoubtedly been faelled by marketing spending at HP Bulmer and Taunton Both seem gentlemanly on the surface but would seem to be engaged in something of a cider war to judge from an aggressive presentation by Bulmer.

From the Hereford camp, Bulmer says it is spending up to £14 million on marketing British cider in the financia year to end-April. It has a market share of 45 per cent, measured by the National Association of Cider Makers, against 36.3 per cent for the newly floated off Taunton, in the Somerset camp. Time was when Bulmer had 50 per cent but it has fought back from 35 per cent in 1988.

All this left Bulmer shares at an all-time high, up 9p to 400p yesterday, after report-ing pre-tax profits up 18 per cent to £10.7 million, earnings up 20 per cent to 12.99p and a dividend up 8.7 per cent to 3.75p. For the full year, the City expects about £19 million, giving earnings of 23p and putting the shares on a multiple of more than 17. A dividend of 9.9p offers a yield of 3.3 per cent. Hold but beware. Cider watchers can

see the boom slowing in both

volume and margin terms.

## Baggeridge Brick sees no sign of recovery

BAGGERIDGE Brick said there was no tangible evidence of recovery from the harsh trading environment of the past four years. Demand for bricks continued to decline and there has been a significant reduction in selling prices because of over-

capacity and high stock levels.

The company is holding the final dividend at 0.75p a share, making an unchanged total of 2.375p for the year. In share, making an unchanged total of property property property. the year to the end of September, pre-tax profits fell from £2.54 million to £1.8 million and earnings from 4.84p a share to 3.03p. Peter Ward, the chairman, said interest rates may need to be reduced further to secure recovery. Extremely wet autumn weather had compounded difficulties and many construction sites are closing for extended periods over

## TVS investors hold out

INTERNATIONAL Family Entertainment, the American bidder for TVS Entertainment, the ITV contractor set to lose its franchise at the end of the month, received acceptances from 69.1 per cent of the ordinary shares and 12.7 per cent of the preference shares, representing 59.3 of the votes in total and effective control, by the first closing date for offers. But a block of preference shareholders, estimated as close to 50 per cent by the rebels, are holding out for better terms from International Family Entertainment.

## New chief at Amber Day

AMBER Day Holdings, the retail group that owns the What Everyone Wants clothing chain, has found a new chairman after the departure of Philip Green in September. He is Stacey Ellis, formerly director of planning and development at Incheave. Amber Day still seeks a chief executive, the at Inchcape. Amber Day still seeks a chief executive, the second post vacated by Mr Green, and two non-executive directors. David Thompson, acting chairman and chief executive, told the annual meeting that pre-Christmas trading at What Everyone Wants had shown like-for-like gains.

## Chemring lifts payout

CHEMRING Group, the industrial holding company, said order books were healthy and a further increase in turnover and profit was expected in the current year. The company, with interests in defence, marine, environmental and engineering markets, is paying a final dividend of 21.72p. making a total of 32.62p (29.65p) for the year to end-September. Pre-tax profits rose from £4.72 million to £5.2 million. Earnings were unchanged at 68.6p a share after a higher tax charge.

The group also made an extraordinary profit of £8.2 million on the sale and closure Owners should make £32 IBEV UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Holdenburg Rd. Bourgemont BRS SAL

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## French banks raise interest rates as franc nears floor

By ANATOLE KALETSKY AND COLIN NARBROUGH

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LEADING French banks unexpectedly raised their interest rates by half a point to 10 per cent yesterday, as the franc sank towards its floor in the European exchange-rate mechanism and rumours abounded in financial markets about a major policy announcement to be made by Pierre Beregovoy, the prime minister, at a press conference this morning.

There was speculation that M Bérégovoy might announce a decision to tie the franc more closely to the mark or to make the Bank of France politically independent. But French officials said the prime minister's press conference had been scheduled several days ago and would deal mainly with the parliamentary

elections next year.
Although French money market rates have been lifted several times in the past few months to defend the franc, bank customers had been shielded from the effects of higher interest rates. But the higher base rates announced yesterday will be passed on directly to customers, forcing businessmen and voters to pay for the franc's defence.

The interest rate move was led by Société Générale, but it was only when the stateowned Banque National de Paris announced an increase in its rates that analysts decided the move was part of an officially sanctioned operation to defend the franc.

Alison Cottrell, of Midland Montagu, suggested France might have decided to lift rates because the franc had fallen below the 75 per cent diver-

NORTHERN Electric is to

cut the cost of the average domestic bill by £10 a year

after a 52 per cent leap in pre-

tax profits to £39.5 million in

ber. Shareholders in the

Newcastle-based regional elec-

tricity supply company will share in its good fortune with

a 13.5 per cent increase in

their interim dividend pay-

Seeboard, the electricity

company serving the south-east of England, also unveiled

strong results for the six

months to end-September,

with profits climbing 53 per

cent to £9.2 million and a

dividend increase of 14 per

cent to 5.7p. Sir Keith Stuart.

Seeboard chairman, said its

prices are already the lowest in

England and Wales. Seeboard

ment to 6.3p.

■ French businessmen and voters are being forced to pay for the defence of the franc for the first time as strains in the ERM continue to unsettle currency markets

gence limit in the ERM grid. Under ERM rules there is "a presumption" that countries that move outside the 75 per cent limit will take policy actions to defend their currencies. After Black Wednesday, Bundesbank officials criticised Britain for failing to raise its interest rates when the pound moved through the 75 per cent limit. France's move might have been intended to

rules more seriously and thus to ensure continuing Bundesbank support. Currency dealers reported no let-up in the downward pressure on the franc, despite the surprise move in interest rates. The lack of any reaction in the currency to the move by the French banks was seen by

show that it takes the ERM

some analysts as a disturbing In another ominous sign for France, leading international banks and investment managers noted little sign of purely speculative selling of the franc. Dealers said most of the selling came from French individuals and companies, as well as from long-term investment funds eager to hedge against the possibility of a devaluation in the new year.

The franc closed in London at Fr3.4195 against the mark, only about a centime above its ERM floor of Fr3.4305

Northern Electric to cut bills

after profits soar 52%

By PATRICIA TEHAN

has just paid its domestic and

small business customers a

rebate, which cancels out increases made in April, and Sir

Keith said he hopes there will

The heads of both com-

panies said they are unlikely to

sign new five-year deals for

coal-fired power with the gen-

erators until the government

completes its energy review in

the new year.
David Morris, Northern's chairman, said the company will cut electricity tariffs by an

average of 2.7 per cent from January 1, with prices for householders falling 3 per cent. He expects Northern will

be able to maintain the price

reduction beyond April 1.

when new tariffs are likely to

be introduced. The new tariffs

The mark remains a magnet for investment and speculative funds despite the severe weakening in the German economy that is now apparent. Two of Germany's leading manufacturers delivered warnings about the economic outlook, particularly in the car

SECTION. Edzard Reuter, the Daimler management board chair-man, said there would be a significant fall in his group's net profits this year from DM i 94 billion last year. The German economy, he said,

had "burst like a soap bubble".

Dieter Ullsperger, finance director at VW, which plans short-time working of between 12 and 19 days next quarter at its seven plants in Germany. plus one in Belgium, also painted an alarming picture. "We are entering a crisis," he said, adding, however, that VW was well armed for it.

VW, Europe's leading carmaker, expects the German car market to fall 20 per cent next year. It expects a "significant loss" this quarter, a period burdened by foreign exchange losses and retiremeni costs.

Sterling showed little reaction to yesterday's weak retail sales figures, closing at about DM2.4575, roughly where it closed on Tuesday.
The dollar failed to make

headway against the mark despite more evidence of sustained recovery. US housing starts rose 1.5 per cent in November, confirming an upward trend. Nevertheless, the dollar lost about half a prennig to trade at DM1.5550.

depend on the regional supply

companies reaching agree-ment with the generators for

coal-fired power from April.

Mr Morris said part of the reason for the profits increase was the unusually high elec-

tricity purchase costs from the

generators in the first half of

the previous year. He says the

increase does not imply a full-

year profits increase of the

Electricity sales to domestic and commercial customers in-

creased 1.5 per cent and 2.2 per cent respectively, but units

distributed to the industrial market fell 2.6 per cent.

Seeboard's electricity sales to

domestic customers, down I

per cent. Commercial sales

grew 0.4 per cent and sales to industry fell 6.5 per cent.

Warmer weather knocked

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Toasting the future: John Rudgard, left, and Esmond Bulmer toast the cider company's results yesterday

## Bulmer targets Europe

By GBORGE SIVELL

HP BULMER, the cider group, is starting to market the recently acquired Belgian Stassen cider, in both Bel-gium and France. It is the start of efforts by the Hereford company to expand into mainland Burope, especially Spain, the low countries, France and Belgium, John Rudgard, the chief executive.

In the half year to October 23, Bulmer raised pre-tax profits 18 per cent to £10.7 million, earnings by 20 per cent to 12.99p, out of which an 8.7 per cent improvement in the half-year dividend to 3.75p will be paid. Profits from the pectin subsidiary halved to £584,000, although there are no plans at present

for disposal.

Esmond Bulmer, the chairman, and the board, said: "In a generally depressed economy, cider sales have continued to show great resilience and strong support for our brands has once more enabled us to increase our market share. The threat to cider from duty harmonisation as first proposed by the European Commission has now gone and we look forward to building our business on the European mainland."

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## Nott takes over at Hillsdown

BY NEIL BENNETT

SIR Harry Solomon is stepto 129p once the official ping down as chairman and chief executive of Hillsdown announcement was released yesterday morning as City institutions interpreted the Holdings, the food group he founded 17 years ago. He is being replaced as chairman in management changes as a sign that Hillsdown is revers-April by Sir John Nott. the ing its acquisitive strategy and will begin a series of disposals former defence secretary and chairman of Lazard Brothers, and rationalisation to reduce its £300 million debts. The Stock Exchange is be-

In addition to Sir John's appointment. David Newton. the group's chief operating officer, is becoming chief executive on January 1.

Sir Harry said he had been planning the move for some time and denied that he had been put under any pressure by shareholders to split the roles of chairman and chief

executive. "I have lived, slept and breathed Hillsdown for 17 years and the time has come to separate the jobs. It is important to do these things when people still want you to stay," he said.

He will remain on board as a non-executive director. "I will try and help but I won't interfere," he said.

Hillsdown also said that current trading is in line with earlier expectations, but that volumes and margins have been hit by the recession. The group repeated its pledge to hold its final dividend at 6.6p. to make 8.8p for the year.

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## **Amstrad** directors sell shares

Two directors of Amstrad, both of whom were re-elected to the board at the annual meeting on November 24. have sold their share stakes in the computer company.

The transactions were executed on Tuesday at 231/ap a share, less than a week after Alan Sugar's plan to take Amstrad private with a 30p a share cash offer was rejected by shareholders.

Malcolm Miller, group

sales and marketing director. sold 714,000 shares, and Robert Watkins, technical director, sold his total holding of 563,500 shares. Neither has a service contract with the company that exceeds 12 months. At September 3, both directors held 950,000 options.

Amstrad gave no reason for the sales. Of the seven-man Amstrad board, three direc-tors now hold no shares in the company. Mr Sugar, chair-man and founder of the computer group, holds 205.6 million out of an issued capital of 581.2 million shares. Amstrad shares yesterday traded at 24p, down 1p.

#### Payout passed

McCarthy & Stone, the sheltered housing group, is pass-ing its 1992 final dividend and says dividends are unlikely to be declared for two years. The group, which traded at 6032 p in 1987 but which yesterday sank 6p to 22p, reports a £19 million pre-tax loss (£16.9 million loss) for the year ended August 31. The interim dividend was 0.5p, making a 0.5p total (1p).

#### Audit denial

KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountant, said it did not audit or evaluate the Spanish investments of the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA). which controls some of the Emirate's offshore wealth. The statement followed media reports that examined its business review presented to KIA in December 1991.

#### Gold strike

Tele-Communications, a US cable TV group, has taken a 27 per cent stake in UK Gold, the satellite channel. BBC Enterprises, Thames TV and Cox Enterprises, of the US, share the rest of the venture.

## Judge's ruling delights Price Waterhouse

By Netl Bennett, banking correspondent

AN EPIC \$338 million legal battle between Standard Chartered, the banking group, and Price Waterhouse, the accountant, took a new twist yesterday when an Arizona judge overturned an earlier jury verdict in Standard's favoor after declaring it was

the merchant bank.

lieved to be investigating the

10p leap in Hillsdown's share

price on Tuesday before Sir John's appointment was an-

nounced, which was coupled

with heavy option buying. A spokeswoman said the ex-

change would investigate un-

usual share price movements.

The shares rose another 7p

blatantly erroneous The bank must now begin the entire action again with a new trial in the spring that could last more than a year. Last night, both sides said they would continue to fight the daim, which relates to PW's role in Standard's ill-fated acquisition of the United Bank of Arizona in 1987.

The dispute between the two sides has become increasingly hostile. Standard claims that Price Waterhouse was the reporting accountant in the acquisition of United Bancorp and that it falled to reveal the full extent of the bank's bad debts. PW insists it was merely United Bancorp's auditors and that the relevant audits were not available at the time

the deal was struck. At the Superior Court of Arizona in Phoenix yesterday, Judge John Sticht granted PW's motion for a new trial on the grounds that the verdict from the earlier trial, which finished in May, was "irreconcilably inconsistent", even though he was the judge who had presided over the original trial.

PW is jubilant at the deci-sion and the chance of another opportunity to argue the case in court. Shaun O'Malley, a senior partner, said: "Now

relieved of the burden and unfair verdict, we move forward more determined than ever and confident that justice

A Standard spokesman said: "We are disappointed that there is to be a retrial on what appears to be a technicality."

Separately. Standard announced a £64 million sale and leaseback of 13 of its branches in Hong Kong to strengthen the group's bal-

## MTM in talks with banks over reshape

By George Sivell

MTM, the chemicals group, is in talks with its banks over a restructuring and is calling a special meeting of sharehold-ers for December 31. It has rolled over a standstill agree-ment with its banks, which was due to expire on January 4, until the end of March.

Yesterday's circular to share-holders is the latest in a series of blows. Richard Lines, former chairman and founder, resigned in March after two profits warnings in a week. In May, MTM reported a 1991 pre-tax loss of £20 million.

The shares plunged 16p yesterday to 15p, an all-time low. Shareholders' funds, stated at £15 million in the halfyear results published on September 9, have apparently all but been wiped out by interest payments, losses on anticipated disposals and the fall of the pound against the dollar. Debts, stated at £100 million at the half year, are understood to have risen to El 20 million.

A fall in shareholders' funds, to less than half of the called-up share capital, requires a company to call a shareholders' meeting under section 142 of the Companies Act. MTM said it was also in breach of a borrowing limit set in its articles of association. These require shareholder approval to operate with borrowings of more than five

times capital and reserves. MTM said it had realised £5 million from disposals so far but that negotiatations over self-offs, which could bring in a further £15 million. "have been protracted and may have to be aborted if

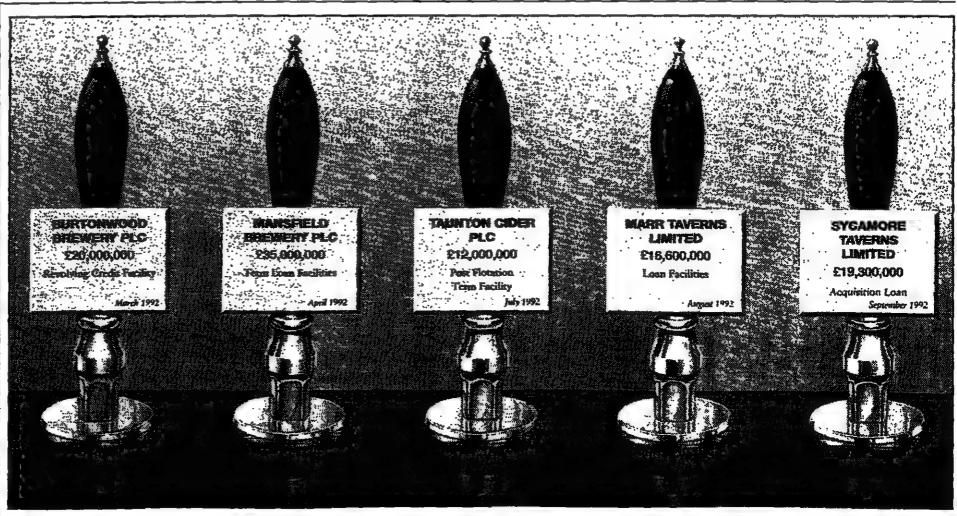


Lines former chairman

sale its headquarters on the North Yorkshire, Cleveland border. It is understood to be part of several disposals expected to bring in £2.5 million.

satisfactory terms cannot be achieved". The board said: "While progress has been made in rationalising the business and improving operational efficiency... the benefits of these actions will not arise until 1993 and beyond. The company's performance dur-ing the final quarter of 1992 has been adversely affected by a number of factors, including the continuing requirement for management to spend significant time developing refinancing proposals and the deterioration in the performance of the chemicals' market worldwide." MTM has also put up for

According to Directus in Edinburgh, eight MTM directors bought shares at 29p on September 14, including Ken Schofield, chief executive, who bought 221 000 who bought 331,000.



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## **Defence** cutbacks hit Alvis

Pre-tax profits at Alvis, the armoured cars to gunsights group, slumped to £1.13 million in the year to September 30, as the company struggled to cope with a cutback in spare parts buying by the Ministry

Despite a healthy performance from the optical targeting subsidiaries, a stock writedown and the cost of restructuring and redundan-cies pushed the company into an overall loss of £3.61 million, or 5.5p a share.

The company, previously known as United Scientific, announced in October that it was cutting 230 of the 750strong workforce at its Alvis armoured vehicles factory in Coventry in an effort to restore profitability of that operation.

Last year, it barely broke even. The company had an order book at end-September of £97 million. The board is recommending a final dividend of 0.5p (1.7p).

#### Water rises

Bristol Water Holdings has increased its interim dividend from 9.3p a share to 10.3p after a rise in profits from £2.6 million before tax to £3.4 million in the six months to the end of September. Earnings were 44p a share (33.5p).

#### Chemicals link

Harrisons & Crosfield is to discuss a joint venture in pvc additives and related businesses between its chemicals division and Akzo, the Dutch chemicals company.

#### Bexbuild slides

Bexbuild Developments is holding its interim dividend at Ip a share after a decline in pre-tax profits from £138,000 to £66,000 in the six months to the end of September. Earnings were 1.2p a share (2.1p). French drinks and huxury

## Optimism in futures puts new life into shares

THE equity market took its lead from an optimistic futures market with prices putting in a late advance to close near their best of the day. The FT-SE 100 index of

leading shares closed 14.9 up, at 2,732.8, with turnover boosted by year-end squaringup of books and bed and breakfast orders designed to establish a trading loss. By the close, a total of 676 million shares had changed hands. But it seems clear that institutions are unimpressed

with the steady stream of economic data which has failed to show even the faintest glimmer of economic recovery. As a result, they are proving reluctant to open new

Sentiment in the stores sector was damaged by news of the latest retail price index showing a fall of 0.1 per cent in November, underlying suggestions earlier this week from the CBI that the pick-up in consumer spending had proved short lived.

Fortunately, the damage was limited, although falls were recorded in Burton Group, 12p to 65p, Etam 6p to 219p, and Sears 1p to 96p. Argos also dropped 7p to 277p on talk of a profits downgrading by one leading

Amber Day, the troubled retailer, firmed 4p to 34p on an announcement that Stacey Ellis had been appointed as non-executive chairman in the wake of the departure of Philip

Among leaders, Guinness fell 9p to 480p, upset by fullyear figures from Moët Hennessey Louis Vuitton, the

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goods group. LVMH has followed the lead of Guinness by warning brokers that 1993 looks like being a difficult year. Both companies have a 24 per cent cross-holdings in

each other. GEC climbed 7p to 269p after a private dinner with Crédit Lyonnais Laing, the stockbroker. The group seems to have made a favourable

by the news of Airbus Industrie's latest contract. This has helped to compensate for the loss of a major order with Northwest Airlines announced last week. Amstrad, the consumer electronics group, slipped 12p to 242p. Malcolm Miller and Robert Watkins, both diretors, have

sold their entire holdings in the company after sharehold-

ers rejected the terms of 30p a

share from Alan Sugar, the chairman. Mr Miller has sold

714,000 shares at 23 ap and

Mr Watkins 563,500 shares

at 231ap. Owners Abroad, the

package tour operator, eased

1p to 87p after a long-awaited

materialise. Instead, LTU, the

German holiday group, which

owns Thomas Cook, is buying

bid failed

Evode, currently the target of an 80p a share cash offer from Wassall, slipped 1p to 91p as Smith New Court urged clients to take profits. The stockbroker believes 105p is a fairer price, but It gives warning that Evode is difficult to value because of the mixture of preference and convertible stock

takeover

impression and re-assured Laing about current prospects. Rolls-Royce attracted some much needed support, adding 5 p at 109p. The group has just been awarded a contract by International Lease Finance to supply engines for 12 Boeing 757's in a deal worth

British Aerospace also jumped 7p to 147p, cheered

a 10 per cent in Owners Abroad as the first step towards closer co-operation between the two companies. Last year, pre-tax profits at Owners Abroad slipped from £31.6 million to £25.5 million. United Biscuits, the

Crawfords and McVitie food group, fell 2p to 331p, after nouching 327p, as County NatWest became the latest stockbroker to downgrade its profit predictions. It has cut its forecast for the current year by E3.3 million to E160 million and for 1993 by £5 million to £207 million. It blames continuing difficult trading conditions in the domestic food

Further reductions in estimates may be neccessary, and this could lead to futher profit-taking in the shares. Earlier this week Crédit Lyonnais Laing cut its forecast for UB and turned seller of the shares.

But there was better news for shareholders of RMC Group as the priced jumped 18p to 545p in response to a profit upgrading by Cazenove, the company's own broker. Cazenove is thought to have increased its estimate of pretax profits for the current year by £7 million to £152 million.

Tuesday's late flurry of activin shares of Hillsdown Holdings, the food to furniture group, appeared well justified. The group yesterday announced that Sir John Nott. the former defence minister, was being appointed executive chairman. He will replace Sir Harry Solomon, who helped to found the company in 1975. Mr Solomon will remain a non-executive director.

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## **Brighter** outlook in developing countries

By COLIN NARBROUGH WORLD TRADE

WHILE economic slowdown. or recession, has afflicted many leading industrialised economies, the financial situation for much of the developing world is looking brighter than for some time, according to the World Bank.

In its annual review of world debt, the bank says the net flow of financial resources to the middle-income developing countries has risen by an aggregate 130 per cent over the past three years to a projected \$89 billion this year. Private funds are playing a

much bigger role as there has been a shift from debt to equity financing and from bank financing to non-bank sources. High creditworthiness continues to allow the East Asian and Pacific economies, which are attracting increased foreign direct investment, excellent access to the capital markets.

The low income developing countries, which encompass much of sub-Saharan Africa and the South Asian economies, by contrast remain heavily reliant on official sources of finance for development projects and economic adjustment programmes. The aggregate net flow to these countries is expected to be

broadly unchanged this year. For the developing world as a whole, the net flow of resources — debt, equity and grants - rose 17 per cent this year to \$134 billion, with foreign direct investment and portfolio investment showing the steepest gains. At the end of this year, the developing countries total external debt is expected to stand at \$1,700 billion, up almost \$100 billion MICHAEL CLARK from last year.

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## WALL STREET Wave of selling hits IBM in New York

slightly higher at late morning. The Dow Jones industrial average, which started firm, had all gains briefly wiped away after a wave of selling hit IBM. The company was off \$212 at \$53%. Alex Brown cut its rating on the company.

citing too many uncertainties.
A floor trader said: "IBM brought on the selling." The Dow was up 2.97 points to 3,287.33 after reaching a high of 3,295.71. In the broad market, advancing shares were ahead of declining issues seven to six.

☐ Tokyo — Shares ended lower on profit-taking, giving up morning gains. The Nikkei average was down 212.03 points to 17,268.71.

☐ Hong Kong — Share prices continued to strengthen in the

New York — Blue chips were afternoon with the Hang Seng index ending 100.15 points higher, at 5,415.96.

☐ Singapore — Shares ended higher, led by blue chips in brisk trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 14.52 points, or 1.09 per cent, to finish at 1,456.62

☐ Sydney — The All Ordinaries index hovered around the 1.500 mark until it slumped in the afternoon. finishing 12.6 points lower at

☐ Frankfurt — Dreary corporate news from Volkswagen and Daimler-Benz sent German share prices sliding lower, but traders expect the market to level out ahead of the expiry of options tomorrow. The Dax index closed 9.17 points lower at 1,472.07. (Reuter)

## GOVERNMENT securities made a besitant start with the latest economic information recovery that has long been romised after the devalua-

Prices showed little change on overnight levels in early trading with few investors willing to commit themselves. Prices later drifted off with the retail sales and PSBR figures offering little cheer. But selling pressure remained light and prices later

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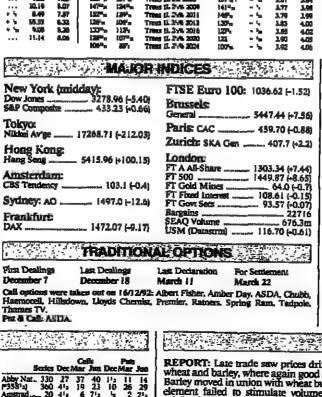
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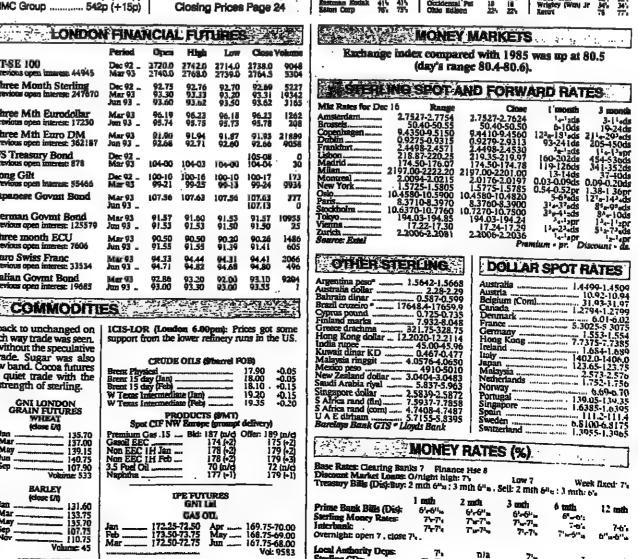
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## Tell Sid that he is being conned

he simmering row between British Gas and its regulator Sir James McKinnon has finally flared into the public domain. What British Gas feared all along, a regulatory battle to preserve the integrity of the company, has now begun. The issues are essentially simple but have enormous implications for other privatised utilities such as British Telecom, the two power generators and the regional electricity distributors. Sir James wishes to separate the rest of British Gas from its pipeline distribution operations in the interests of promoting competition. No half measures will do says Sir James. Administrative separation of the pipeline leaves too many conflicts of interest. British Gas must be broken up into two independent companies. In response, British Gas will doubtless say that the proposal is costly, difficult, time-consuming and desperately unfair.

Both adversaries will doubtless argue their cases cogently and with feeling. But someone should be speaking up for Sid, who was, in his thousands. persuaded to invest when British Gas was privatised. Sid bought on the prospect of owning a stake in a safe, stable, cash generative utility. He is now in danger of becoming the meat in the sandwich when the company and its regulator do battle.

Sir James freely admits in his submission to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that the break-up of British Gas conflicts with the 1986 offer for sale prospectus which said that the structure of the company would remain unchanged. But astonishingly Sir James also says that it is now the Ofgas view that the prospectus no longer has any legal or moral standing. It ceased to have such standing several years ago he adds. That will seem ironic to long term institutional British Gas investors. They are used to being accused of short termism but will not have expected a regulator to dismiss prospectus undertak-

ings as redundant after only a year or two.

If Ofgas wins the day and the MMC accepts that prospectus pledges can be torn up so readily, it will be a black day for share ownership and may well set a dangerous precedent for the rest of the privatised utilities. The point at issue is a subtle one. It may well be that a separated pipeline company would eventually produce higher returns to shareholders. But the prospectus did not have to contain an undertaking about the future integrity of the company, and since it did, shareholders are entitled to feel aggrieved that he goal posts are being shifted. If it should prove necessary, a boycott of BT3, the springtime sale of the Government's third tranche of BT shares, would make the point forcefully.

## No entry for BA

British Airways' hopes of forging a world-beating global airline through alliance with the troubled USAir are evaporating rapidly. Official Washington sources appear keen that John Major is aware of the outgoing Bush Administration's intention to reject the proposed link so that he can skirt round the issue when he flies to the American capital at the weekend. Rejection is bad news for USAIT which like most of the largest US carriers is haemorrhaging cash at a rapid rate.

It also reeks of hypocrisy as an example of naked protectionism at a time when the US presents itself in Gatt talks and elsewhere as the champion of free trade. US negotiators demanded unconditional "open skies" rights to Britain without the slightest guarantee that the protectionist legislation banning overseas control of American airlines would be amended. In truth, the powerful US airline lobby fears a financially and operationally strong BA which has sailed through storms that have crippled most of

## Only a genuine free market can determine the viability of coal

Colin Robinson argues

it is time to remove the artificial distortions

that are present in Britain's electricity

generation industry

vidence submitted as part of the government's coal review shows few differences in diagnoses. Blame for British Coal's latest problems -revealed in its October proposal to shut three-fifths of its pits and shed three-fifths of its employees — is attributed mainly (and correctly) to the unsatisfactory state of the privatised electricity supply industry.

The industry is in some ways an improvement on its nationalised predecessor, since entry to generation is no longer impossible and there is some competition to supply electricity. But in general, competitive forces are not strong enough to pass on to consumers the efficiency gains that are being made.

Moreover, the market for power generation fossil fuels is dominated by National Power and PowerGen and is distorted by support for nuclear power, taxes on oil and the remains of coal contracts - the government gave little thought to the impact on the coal industry of their ending in March 1993.

Because of the peculiar nature of the electricity market, there is no reason to believe that, either now or after the initial contracts end, it will result in the "right" amounts of coal being produced at the "right" prices.

Consensus about diagnosis extends also to remedies. Most people who have contributed evidence want to introduce new distortions to "correct" those previously introduced by governments. The coal review provides a field day for pressure groups. They know from past experience that British governments have always intervened extensively in energy affairs, seeking short-term political fixes. Naturally, they assume the purpose of the review is to find some politically acceptable increase in British Coal sales.

Pressure groups can easily play that game by setting out schemes which, while increasing indigenous coal production, would serve their own interests. It is straightforward enough to do. There is still plenty of coal beautiful account of the coal coal-burning power station capacity available: more than 80 million tonnes of coal a year has been used in UK power stations in recent years.

So, by restricting imports of coal or electricity from France, by reducing output of nuclear-generated electricity or by vetoing some gas-fired plant proposals, competition for British Coal could be limited and its sales increased. Delaying the planned liberalisation of electricity supply to smaller consumers (due in 1994) would allow much of the cost to be borne by such cosumers and would make life easier for the regional electricity companies.

An additional boost to deep-mined coal production could be given by



Sunset industry: will Silverhill and the other pits under threat of closure by British Coal see a new dawn after the government's review?

cheap opencast mines.

There is some coincidence of interest between many of the pressure groups and the DTI, which is evidently hankering after greater powers to intervene in power station. building programmes and to promote the use of particular fuels. But are we to return to the short-term fixes which have characterised British energy policy for so long? Instead, wity not try something new, moving to a market-based energy policy which would reduce the power of existing energy monopolies and minimise the influence of producer pressure groups? That would at least be consistent with privatisation. More important, it would strike at the root of the problems of British coal mining rather than dealing merely

with the symptoms. Such a scheme might even be a vote catcher. Even though governments (of whatever party) generally dislike giving up power to markets. they must be aware of the large number of disgruntled consumers of energy who quite rightly feel ag-grieved at the way electricity prices have risen in recession and who want

more choice and lower prices. The outlines of a market-based policy are described in an Institute of Economic Affairs paper which is

about to be published. First, the market power of companies in the electricity supply industry (especially the generators) needs to be curbed, by breakup if necessary. It is because the generators are dominant that their fuel purchasing decisions cannot be assumed to be those of companies in a competitive market. There may well be a bias against coal in their fuel choices, compounded by the desire of the regional electricity companies to sidestep the generators' power by building or contracting for gas-fired plant. A dash for gas would have occurred anyway, but probably not on the scale of the past two years.

ome people evidently believe that generating costs and prices are readily ascertainable facts and that the industry regulator can easily discover, by analysing contracts, what "correct" fuel choices would have been. Neither is correct. Quoted costs and prices are forecasts many years into an uncer-tain future. And the regulator can examine only contracts which have been signed. Just as important are the contracts which have never been

offered because competition is so costs substantially, and would also be weak. They can be discovered only by letting the competitive process work.

Second, support for nuclear power should cease. The fossil fuel levy, which increases Nuclear Electric's income by about £1.3 billion a year, should go. There are no tangible benefits for consumers, yet it seriously distorts the fuel market. Furthermore, the state nuclear companies are almost certainly diverting funds in their own direction because of their relatively low required rates of return on investment.

Third, no pits should be closed before they have been offered to private-sector owners who will need assurances that they will not be shut out of markets by agreements between British Coal and the two generators. Full coal privatisation should follow, after the government makes clear to potential investors that generation will become a competitive industry. British coal mining has already suffered deep wounds from the state of uncertainty in which it has existed since the "ultimate privatisa-tion" was announced in 1988. There is good reason to believe - not only on theoretical grounds but from recent consultants' reports - that private coal companies would cut more flexible on pricing than British Coal. Provided there were competing coal companies, reductions in costs would be passed on to consumers.

If the government would adopt the principle of establishing coal and electricity markets in which there is genuine rivalry among suppliers, it would be able to see its way through the conflicting claims it now faces. Otherwise, it will end up supporting the views of the most powerful and plausible special interests and those which bring the most immediate political gains.

At present, the coal and electricity markets are so distorted that one cannot trust pit dosure decisions which result from the view of a single state-owned coal company involved in negotiations with only two generators. Instead of seeking to impose more distortions, the government should go for a longer-term solution - more competitive markets in which one could be confident that electricity generators and coal owners were, in making decisions about starting plants or closing old ones, following their lowest cost options.

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# THE TIMES CITY DIARY

#### Padley rebuilds his career

HILLS TO WASHER

April 1985

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MICHAEL Padley, one of the City's better known building and property analysts, who left Societé Générale Strauss Turnbull in June, is quietly making a comeback with Haggie, Binns, a financial public relations firm. Padley, 39, began his career as a tax officer with the Inland Revenue in Middlesbrough, his home town, and was on course to become the UK's youngest tax inspector when he abruptly changed course. After working for Wise Speke, the Newcastle stockbroker, he joined Capel Cure Myers in December 1986, a month before it was bought by ANZ. and went on to become the only analyst in the City to be Extel-rated in materials, contracting and property at the same time. The property people were gentlemen, the builders were blunt," says Padley, who spent three years at Strauss after a brief and highly lucrative spell with Swiss Bank Corporation - he was made redundant with a massive pay-off after only 212 months - and was part of a team including David Stoddart, food retail analyst, and Michael Hicks.

#### The Cisco Kid

BRIAN Winterflood, known for years as "Mr USM", for his enthusiastic support of the smaller company sector, has a new nickname. After unveiling plans for the new City Group for Smaller Companies (Cisco) with Andrew Beeson, of Beeson Gregory, last week,



redundancies, but we've saved a packet on this year's party"

Winterflood is fast becoming known as "The Cisco Kid" — a name with a certain jaunty ring to it. The demise of the USM has left a big hole for us to fill," says Winterflood, who flies to Quito, Ecuador, tomorrow, for a well-earned Christmas break with his family, which will include a few days in the Galapagos islands and a stay on a floating hotel up the Amazon. Back on the subject of smaller companies, cinema fans may recall that Kevin Costner's horse in Dances with Wolves was also called Cisco. The horse was shot by Costner's own side.

#### Name of the game

KEEPING the client happy is the name of the game in these hard times, but the message does not seem to have sunk in at Hambros Bank, which held one of its regular rugby clashes at the Bank of England sports

ground in Roehampton, south west London, on Sunday. Its opponent, Banque Nationale de Paris, also happens to be one of the firm's best dients. So it is a little unfortunate that Hambros thrashed the French 62-5. "It's the first time we've played them," says Paddy Morrissey, UK salesman and team captain, who counted Matthew Vickerstaff, a former Cambridge blue, and Tony Curtin, a director of the bank, among his team-mates. An unseemly scuffle saw one of the Hambros team taken off with a dislocated shoulder, but the players made up for it with copious amounts of beer and wine after the game. Hambros is making quite a name for it-self in City rugby circles. The team won two out of three games this year, beating the French along with a team from Deutsche Bank, but falling foul of that great rugbyplaying nation . . . Japan.

Sterling efforts? THE mighty Bundesbank. and Helmut Schlesinger, its president, now known for his ill-timed remarks, have, understandably, taken heavy flak at home and abroad over the stubborn line the bank has pursued on interest rates this year. However justified these angry blasts at the German monetary authorities may be, there will certainly be one man who will be thankful for the way the Bundesbank has managed its affairs this year. Theo Waigel, the German fi-nance minister, is, according to estimates disclosed in the usually well informed Die Welt, set to receive DM 12 billion from the Bundesbank towards the federal budget this year. Admittedly, that is somewhat less than last year's transfer to Bonn, but the central bank profit in 1991 was, after all, a record DM15.2 billon. The smaller, but nonetheless handsome, profit of DM13 billion this year, reflects, we are told, the depreciation of the Bundesbank's foreign cur-rency reserves — probably the sterling element.

SCRAWLED on a wall near the Square Mile: Did you hear about the dyslexic devil worshipper who sold his soul

#### Grinding waltz DOWN on the Danube too, it

would seem, 1992 has been something of an annus horribilis. Not only has the Hofburg, the grand Austrian imperial palace in Vienna, gone up in flames, but there are whispers that modern Austria's fast-waltz economy may finally be losing tempo under the deadening impact of reces-sion, or something close to it, blighting its main economic dancing partners. If that was not enough to put one off one's Apfelstrudel, Austrian Airlines, the national carrier, has brought the news that it will post a net loss this year for the first time in 21 years, in spite of carrying a record number of passengers and posting turnover up 17.4 per cent. After the new year ball, the Austri-ans will, doubtless, be hoping for better luck as they get down to negotiations with Brussels on entry to that merry band, the European Community.

public to become share-holders. The idea of encouraging

individuals below a certain threshold of wealth to invest directly in the stock market has always been questionable. What is not in doubt is the destrability of spreading capiindividual's stake in society. One positive way of achiev-

people a share in their work-place and it is to this end that the ESOP or employee share JON ASHWORTH | ownership plan was devised. Essentially the ESOP is to the

#### Raising small business standards cult for small businesses, but

BUSINESS LETTERS

From Mr Alan Bartlett Sir, Your assumption that small business interests are being furthered by undue criticism of BS 5750 is entirely misplaced ("Champion emerges in the debate over quality standards", December 11).

It is to put up straw men to refute that "securing BS \$750 deals for good with the quality question" and that it is concerned with systems and does not show "that you are neces-sarily the best around". Any-one familiar with BS \$750 knows that it is only part, albeit a key part, of total quality and that it is intended. to deal with systems. It is an arguable proposition that "small businesses by their nature are likely to have more TQ practices actually in place. What is more evident is that businesses seeking to grow and sustain growth are often constrained by lack of proper systems.

Of course obtaining BS 5750 can be costly and diffi-

what is the worth of a quality standard that is cheap and easy? That said there are undoubtedly consultants and others who make the process unnecessarily complicated and thus expensive.
The British Standards Insti-

tution has as a priority for this coming year how to make BS 5750 more user friendly for small businesses. A number of Chambers of Commerce are already helping small busi-nesses to cut costs and eliminate difficulties through BS 5750 mutual help groups. I would suggest that these, and similar measures, are the right way to champion small businesses over quality standards. They help them cope, rather than add to their understandable concerns and confusions. Yours faithfully. ALAN BARTLETT (Executive Director)

The Association of British Chambers of Commerce,

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## ESOPs offer low-risk share ownership

From Mr Malcolm Huriston Sir, The recent Proshare survey as reported in your paper on December 11 highlights the reluctance of the British

mismatch between the re-sources of the individual and the capital sum involved. The ESOP Centre which exists to research, lobby and inform on behalf of employee share ownership plans is now pressing the government to make its statutory ESOP ustal wealth and increasing the able - which would be a great step forward.

MALCOLM HURLSTON. ing this is through offering Chairman, The ESOP Centre Limited, Registered Office, 2 Ridgmount Street,

## Barclaycard medicine

From Dr K. Coatsworth

Sir, Perhaps those companies suffering from delayed payments against outstanding accounts (Business letters, December 11) should treat their customers with Barday-

card medicine.
Payment of my Barclaycard
Visa balance of E551.61 for the month of November was received and credited by Barciaycard to the account one day after the due date. An interest payment of £15.08 was charged for this delayed

payment: equivalent to an annualised interest rate of

If commercial companies could achieve this sort of benefit there would be cause for celebration of all late payments. But, would there be any customers left?

Yours faithfully, K. COATSWORTH, Quinag, 9 High Green, Great Aylon, Middlesbrough, Cleveland,

#### No retaliation for turkey farmers

From Mrs B. G. Nicholas Sir. Mr Webster (Business Letters, December 7 and "Ar-gyll offers cheer", November 25) has gone off at a tangent. The argument was not about quantities but about his statement "a glut of turkeys dumped on the British market by mainly French producers had depressed the price, now 48p a pound against 59p on average last Christmas". He had no compunction in filling Argyll shelves with French birds

British turkey growers cannot retaliate since no super-

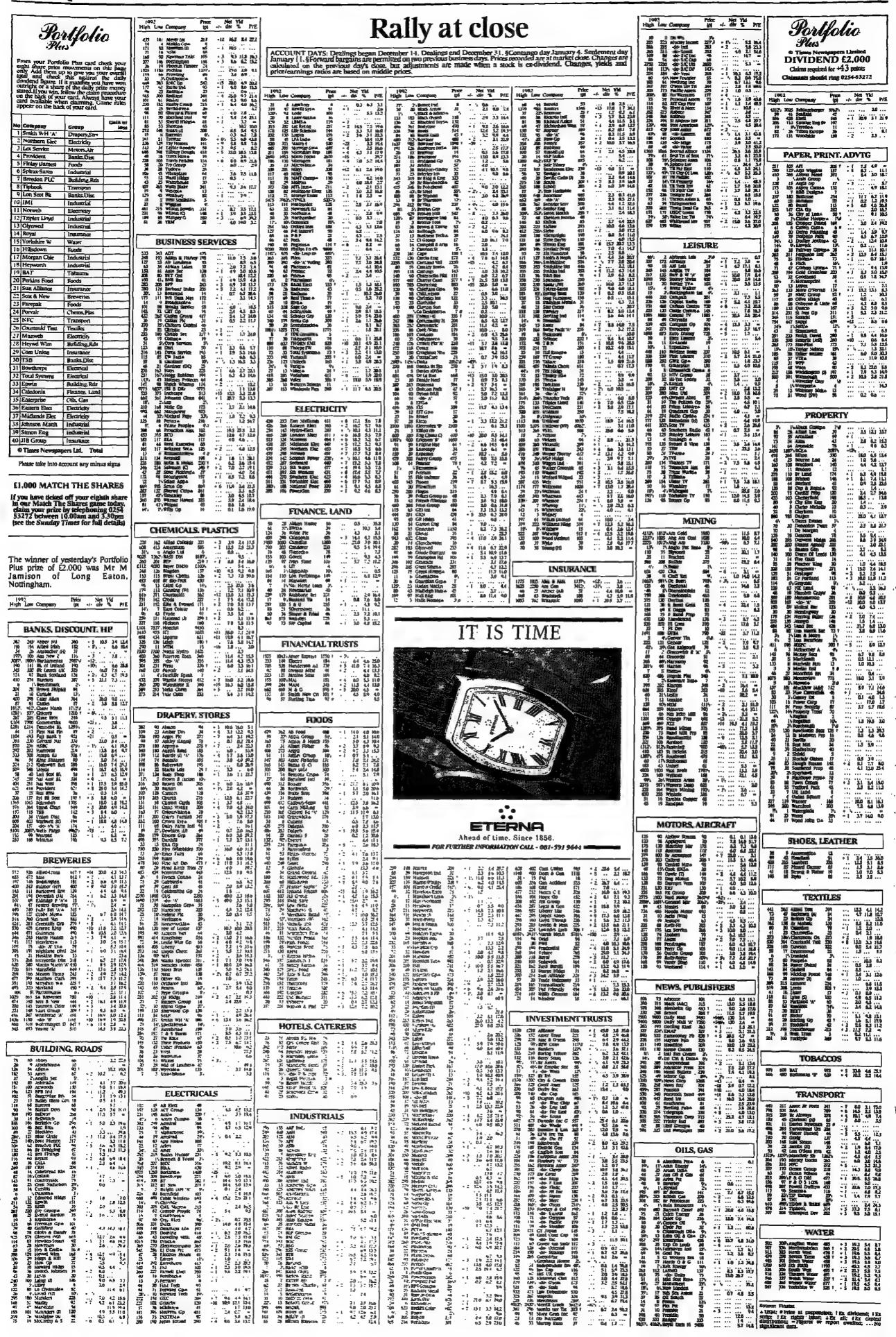
market owner in France would be foolhardy enough to risk having his premises burnt down by angry French farmers once they had set the British lorry ablaze. Yours faithfully. B. G NICHOLAS, Policeman's Cottage, Llantilio Crossenny, Near Abergavenny, Gwent.

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## **ACCOUNTANCY**

# Fearless Sir timely whip

JUST when the accountancy profession thought it was safe to reappear in correct society, fully clad in the shining ar-mour of reform. Sir Ron Dearing has spoilt it. Unless self-regulation is given full support in the coming year, he argued, that armour could end in the scrapyard and regulation in the maw of the state.

The English Institute must wonder what it has to do. It played a big part in forming Sir Ron's Financial Reporting Council to set and enforce stronger accounting standards with the full authority of the business community, and in setting the agenda for the Cadbury code to help auditors

impose good practice.
The six main accountancy bodies spawned the Auditing Practices Board, where outsiders helped map out a wider and stronger role for auditors, The three chartered institutes have beefed up arcane disciplinary procedures, injected vigour into ethical standards and set about their statutory duty to monitor and enforce standards in auditing firms.

Sir Ron's sour seasonal message, posted in the FRC's annual review, exposed the gap between creating new structures and making them work, let

alone be seen to be working.
Thinking has moved so fast that the shape of self-regulation seems certain to change further. Illiogically, the APB seems destined to come into the broader-based FRC, making Sir Ron even more the ringmaster. The profession's disciplinary system still looks transitional: parts fit with the APB, just as standard setting

and enforcement go together.
After so much effort has ready gone into change, the top priority is to achieve re-sults. Ian Plaistowe, president of the ICAEW, argues that the

new system will have to run well at full speed for up to five years before accountants can say that company collapses are not due to audit failure. That is a dangerous period, explain-ing why Sir Ron chose to crack

Powerful companies were a prime target. If they continue to treat standard avoidance as a game like tax avoidance, regulators may not be able to keep pace. If they challenge the Review Panel in court, its authority might not stand up.

Accountants are just as ca-pable of demolishing what the profession has built. While audit partners plan for new duties, higher status and big-ger fees, others in leading firms will not want to lose high margin business in creative accountancy. Senior partners' leadership will face a stern test. So will the profession's will to punish firms that pass, without demur, accounts that the Review Panel rejects, or finds dodgy but legal. The hard part may just be estarting. may just be starting.

Walking back

DAVID McDonnell, globe-trotting managing partner of Grant Thornton, has been looking leaner and fitter of late. Struck by his dapper photograph in the firm's 1992

annual review, compared with

a rather more portly one in 1990, Any Other Business enquired if he had been on a

diet. "I have lost 21/2 stone in

eight months," says a happier

McDonnell, 49, who reveals

his secret is walking at high

speed between venues in

London, Manchester, Chica-

go and Paris. "I have worked

out a specific walk in each city

and carry a pair of trainers

to happiness



McDonnell: leaner

with me." New accounting developments have not affected his resolve. "I have to

foresake Cadbury in all its forms," he quips.

Getting ahead BOB Simm, head of KPMG Management Consulting. came face to face with the Prince of Wales last week and was left holding a ceramic bowler hat. The occasion was a ceremony at the Royal National Theatre, London, when the firm was commended for its sponsorship of the arts. The Tate Gallery, the National and English National Opera are among beneficiaries. Simm is still deciding what to

On the cards

HAVE the Scots and the Enghish finally buried the hatchet? The English institute is offering members the chance of an affinity credit card bearing the ICA crest and providing a range of discounts and incentives. One snag. The card is issued by the Bank of Scotland. This is not a hint at a new merger attempt", says Trevor D'Cruz, managing director of Accountancy Business Group, the institute's commercial arm. "It is part of the wider service we are offering to members." Don't wait for the Scots to launch a card backed by the Bank of England.

JON ASHWORTH

## Changing small firm audits raises the ire

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IT is surprising how heated discussions can become over a subject so mundane as the statutory audit of small companies. For the companies concerned, much of the auditor's work is grindingly irrelevant. For the auditors it is frustrating that so much of the fee which they earn has to be spent in statutory work, leaving little leeway for useful advisory work. But announce that the legal obligation for a small audit should be lifted, and a surprising

number of people react startlingly.

Take the British Bankers' Association. In its submission to the English ICA on reforming the statutory audit of small companies, it welcomes measures that mean little but expresses great suspicion of real change. Earlier this year, the English ICA suggested getting rid of small audits and replacing them with a review, which would mean that accounts still received the imprimatur of a qualified auditor, but the work would be swidened to include more advice and help. The BBA explains that the only reason it opposed

the proposals previously was that the £2 million turnover threshold suggested was "far too high". But times have changed. "The institute initiative, in offering a menu of recommendations for consideration, has now made it possible for the BBA to respond more positively", it says. And what form does this positive response take? "We are pleased, therefore, to inform you that the banks support the proposal that an exemption from audit should be extended to companies under the VAT registration threshold of £36,000", it says. It then lists four further conditions, including that "the accounts themselves

should still encompass the same information as those subject to audit". This is, frankly, tosh. Any company with a turnover of less than £36,000 should not be a company in the first place. The companies that need the real help are those the BBA ignores. Companies with a turnover of up to £2 million, which the BBA thinks should not be allowed the dangerous and irresponsible financial and business advice which a nonstatutory audit review would bring them, are precisely those which need it. The BBA, and everyone else involved in this debate, would do well to read a new research document from the Scots ICA. This argues that companies which want to disincorporate should be allowed to do so with ease and that the statutory audit should be replaced by an

annual accountant's report. The thinking behind the working party's report is sensible and informed. One reason for this is that the working party was chaired by one Primrose
McCabe. In a year-and-a-half's time, she will
become the first woman to be made president of the Scots ICA. She is also a noted small practitioner who knows both what the Department of Trade and Industry is thinking and what small companies in the industrial belt of Scotland are thinking. Twenty years ago it made sense, paticularly for tax reasons, for small businesses to become companies. But now, as the report says, "they are locked into a position that has turned to their disadvantage as a result of regulatory and other legislative changes". There are two important points to bear in mind. As the report says, "in a small business there is little distinction between ownership and manage-ment"... "The reality of the situation for small companies is that few actually have limited liability as a result of being required by

banks to give personal guar antees and security over per-sonal assets." The other side of the bargain is that after the tax and legal proposals which the Scots put forward for freeing up the methods of disincorporation, the statutory audit for small com-panies should also be replaced. There is much sense in this. Companies at this level are already hedged around to a great extent with Inland Revenue require-ments, or VAT, which ensure that a comprehensive accounting system is in place. "By removing the necessity of an audit for small companies," the report says, "au-dit firms would be able to save the administration time

involved in complying with audit regulation requirements for these clients. This time could be devoted more usefully to assisting the company in areas that have a direct impact on the profitability and future growth of the business. And that really is it. The regulators would still have the comfort of a report by a qualified auditor. The businesses would have audit savings, which the Scots estimate to be about 25 per cent of existing fees, which would be available to re-invest in advice and help for the business. If the profession could unite on this, it might find the government would happily come up with the goods.

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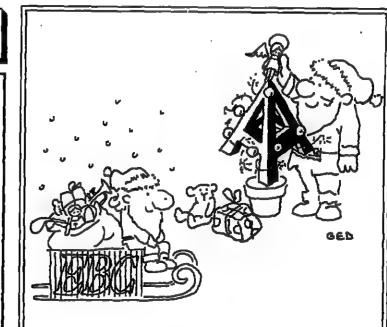
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## Sunday trading restrictions are not against Community law

Stoke-on-Trent City Council and Another v B & Q ple

Case C-169/91 Before O. Duc. President and Judges C. N. Kakouris, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, J. L. Murray, G. F. Mancini, R. Joliei, M. Diez de Velasco. P. J. G. Kapteyn and D. A. O. Edward

Advocate General W. Van Gerven (Opinion July 8) Judgment December 16

The restrictive effects on trade of national rules prohibiting shops from opening on Sundays were not excessive in relation to the aim pursued. The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in replying to questions submitted to it by the House of

Lords for a preliminary ruling. In proceedings brought by the Coun-Norwich City Council against B & Q plc, the two prosecuting authorities accused

59 of the Shops Act 1950 by opening their shops on Sundays for commercial transactions other than those listed in the Fifth Schedule to that Act.

The Fifth Schedule to the Shops Act 1950 contained a list of items which, by way of exception, might be sold in shops on Sundays. They included, in particular, intoxicating liquors, certain stuffs, tobacco, newspapers, and other products of everyday consumption.

In the proceedings before the House of Lords, before which the cases were pending at last instance, it became apparent that the parties differed as to the interpretation to be given to the Court's judgments in. on the other hand, Case C-145/88 Torfaen Borough Council v B & Q plc (The Times November 24, 1989; [1989] ECR 3851) and, on the other, Case C-312/89 Union Departementale des Syndicats CGT de l'Aisne v Conforama (The Times March 332/89 Marchandise (The Times March 6, 1991; [1991] ECR 1-1027. In view of the dispute as to the proper interpretation of the above-mentioned judgments, the House of Lords stayed proceedings and referred three estions to the Court of Justice for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the Court of Justice

Applicability of Article 30

The national court's first question sought to determine whether it followed from the Court's judgments in Conforama and Marchandise that the nmhibìrion laid down in article 30 of the Treaty did not apply to national legislation such as that in question. The same legislation had been the subject of the Court's judgment in the Torfaen Borough Council case, cited above. In those three judgments the Court had found that the various bodies of

ing of shops on Sundays were not intended to regulate the flow of goods.

It was also apparent from those judgments that such legislation might indeed have adverse repercussions on the volume of sales of Certain shops, but that it affected the sale of both domestic and imported products. The marketing of products from other member states was not therefore made more difficult than the marketing of national products. Furthermore, in the above-mentioned

igments the Court had recognises judgments the Court had recognised that the legislation at issue pursued an aim which was justified under Community law. National rules restricting the opening of shops on Sundays reflected certain choices relating to particular national or regional sociocultural characteristics.

It was for the member states to make those choices in compliance with the requirements of Community law, in

As far as that principle was concerned, the Court had stated in its judgment in the Torfaen Borough Council case that the Torquen Borougn Council case that such rules were not prohibited by article 30 of the Treaty where the restrictive effects on Community trade which might result from them did not exceed the effects intrinsic to such rules and that the question whether the effects of those rules actually remained within that limit was a question of fact to be determined by the national court.

In its judgments in the Conforama and Marchandise cases, however, the Court found is necessary to make clear, with regard to similar rules, that the restrictive effects on trade which might result from them did not appear to be excessive in relation to the aim pursued. The Court considered that it had all

the information necessary for it to rule on the question of the proportionality of

their compatibility with Community law in a uniform manner since such an assessment could not be allowed to vary according to the findings of fact made by individual courts in particular cases.

Appraising the proportionality of national rules which pursued a legitimate aim under Community law in-volved weighing the national interest in attaining that aim against the Com-munity interest in ensuring the free movement of goods.

In that regard, in order to verify that the restrictive effects on intra-Community trade of the rules at issue did not exceed what was necessary to achieve the aim in view, it had to be considered whether those effects were direct, in-direct or purely specularive and whether those effects did not impede the marketing of imported products more than the marketing of national products.

Kingdom as a whole.

It was on the basis of those consid-erations that in its judgments in the Conforama and Marchandise cases the Court had ruled that the restrictive effects on trade of national rules prohibiting the employment of workers on Sundays in certain retailing activities

For the same reasons, the Court had to make the same finding with regard to national rules prohibiting shops from opening on Sundays.

question, it was unnecessary to give a ruling on the second and third

On those grounds, the Court ruled: Article 30 of the Treaty was to be interpreted as meaning that the pro-hibition which it laid down did not apply to national legislation prohibiting ers from opening their premises on

**House of Lords** 

Law Report December 17 1992

House of Lords

## Limitation period for non-accidental injury

Another Before Lord Templeman, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Griffiths,

Lord Ackner and Lord Slynn of

[Speeches December 16] Claims for personal injuries aris-ing out of complaints of indecent assault or rape were subject to the six-year limitation period set out in section 2 of the Limitation Act 1980, running from the date when the cause of action accrued.

Section 11 of the Act, which Made provision for a three-year period for personal injuries running from the date of account or the date of realisation of the significance of the injuries, if later, was only applicable to accident cases.

Accordingly, a plaintiffs claim against her stepfather and stepbrother for damages for personal injuries, including psychiatric dis-orders, suffered in her adult life as a result of alleged sexual abuse as a child, having been commenced more than six years after the accrual of the cause of action, was siatule-barred

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by the defen-dants. James Francis Webb and his son Stephen, from the order of the Court of Appeal (Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Bingham and Lord Justice Nolani (The Times April 3, 1091; 11992] QB 1971 upholding the order of Mr Justice Potter, who had held, under section 11, that the plaintiff, Lesley Jacqueline Stubbings, had realised that her injuries were significant only in September 1984, less than three years before the issue of her writ in August 1987, and that she was entitled to pursue her claim against the defendants. Mr Justice Potter had over-

rumed a decision of Master Topicy that the claim was statute-barred. Mr Richard Mawrey, QC and Mr Lawrence West for James Webb: Mr Kieran Coonan, QC and Mr Roy Warne for Stephen Webb: Mr Maurice Kay. QC and Mr Robert Grey for the plaintiff.

LORD GRIFFITHS said that the plaintiff would be 30 years of age in January 1993. The question before the House was whether the law permitted her to pursue a claim for damages against her adoptive (ather and stepbrother based upon allegations that she was sexually abused by the adoptive father between the ages of two and 14 and raped by her step-brother when she was 12 and he was 17. The allegations were denied by both the father and

By section 2 of the Limitation 1939 actions founded on simple contract or tort were not to be brought after the expiration of years from the date on which the cause of action accrued.

In 1949 the Tucker Committee Revort on the Limitation of Actions Crnd 7740) recommended that the limitation period for personal injury actions should be two years with the possibility of a iudicial extension to six years.

It was obvious when reading the report that the committee was confining its recommendations in respect of actions for personal injury to accident cases: "We do not think it is necessary for us to define 'personal injuries' ... how-ever ... we do not include ... actions for trespass to the person. false imprisonment, mulicious prosecution, or defamation of

it could not be open to doubt that the plaintiff's complaints of sexual abuse and rape fell within the category of an action for trespass to the person referred to in the above paragraph.

The committee were therefore

recommending that such actions should continue to be governed by the six-year period of limitation. given effect to by the Law Reform (Limitation of Actions) Act 1954.

period of two years with the possibility of judicial extension to six years, it was decided to in-troduce a period of three years with

no option to extend it. Thus section 2(1) provided that "...In the case of actions for damages for negligence, nuisance or breach of duty ... in respect of personal injuries [there shall be a nitation period of three years." In Letang v Cooper (1965) 1 QB 232) it was held that "breach of duty" should be construed as applying to any cause of action which gave rise to a claim for

damages for personal injury. Section 11 of the 1980 Act, in identical language to section 2(1) of the 1954 Act, provided: "(1) ... any action for damages for negligence, nuisance or breach of duty

. In respect of personal injuries . (3) . . . shall not be brought after the expiration of ... (4) ... three years from — (a) the date on which the cause of action accrued; or (b) the date of knowledge til later) of the person injured."

By section 14 the date of nowledge was "the date on which [the person] first had knowledge ... (a) that the injury in question was significant: and (b) that the injury was attributable ... to the act or omission which is alleged to constitute negligence, nuisance or breach of duty....

In the present case, the principal argument in the Court of Appeal had locused upon whether or not the plaintiff had known she had suffered significant injury over three years before she commenced her action on August 18, 1987.

The plaintiff's case was that although she knew that she had been raped by one defendant and had been persistently sexually abused by the other she did not realise she had suffered sufficiently serious injury to justify starting proceedings for damages until she realised (in September 1984) that there might be a causal link between psychiatric problems she

had suffered in adult life and her sexual abuse as a child. The Court of Appeal after considerable hesitation had ac-cepted that argument. If it had been necessary to decide the point his Lordship should not have

found it easy to agree. He had the greatest difficulty in accepting that a woman who knew that she had been raped did not know that she had suffered a significant injury.

Sexual abuse that went no further than indecent fondling of a child raised a more difficult question, but some of the plaintiff's allegations were so serious that his Lordship should have had difficulty in regarding them as other than significant.

However it was not necessary to resolve that difficult issue as his Lordship accepted the defendants' submission that section 11(1) did not apply to a cause of action based on indecent assault or rape for which the limitation period was six years and which was not subject to

tension under section 11. The Court of Appeal had considered themselves to be bound by Letang v Cooper. His Lordship could not accept the decision in that case that "breach of duty" in section 2(1) of the 1954 Act had the effect of including all actions in which damages for personal inju-ries were claimed.

The draftsman had limited the section to actions for negligence, nuisance and breach of duty and the reason he did so was to give effect to the recommendation of the Tucker Committee.

The House could now look at Hansard and could see that it was the express intention of Parliament to give effect to the committee's recommendations: see Hansard December 4, 1953, column 1545; May 25, 1954, column 825. Even without reference to Han-

sard, his Lordship should not have construed breach of duty as including a deliberate assault.

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tion of a breach of a duty of care not to cause personal injury, rather than an obligation not to infringe any legal right of another person. If one invited a lady to one's house one would naturally think of

a duty to take care that the house was safe but would one really be thinking of a duty not to rape her? However that might be, the terms in which the Bill had been introduced made it clear beyond peradventure that the intention was to give effect to the Tucker recommendation that the limitation period in respect of trespass to the person was not to be reduced to three years but should remain at

The language of section 2(1) of the 1954 Act was apt to give effect to that intention, and cases of deliberate assault such as in the instant case were not actions for breach of duty within the meaning

of section 2(1). The language of section 2(1) had been carried without alteration into the Limitation Act 1975 and then into section 11(1) of the 1980 Act where it had to bear the same meaning as It had in the 1954 Act. It thus followed that the plain-tiff's causes of action against both defendants were subject to a sixyear limitation period.

That period was suspended during her infancy but commenced to run when she had attained her majority: see section 28 of the

That period had expired many years before she had issued her writ. There were no provisions for extending that period and her actions were therefore statutebarred and could not proceed. Lord Templeman, Lord Bridge,

Lord Ackner and Lord Slynn Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Birkett Westhorp & Long, Col-chester and Greenwood, Page &

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decision of the secretary of state to accept that conclusion were unlawful. Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr A. W. H. Charles for the appellants: Mr David Pannick, QC, for LORD MUSTILL said that on

concluded that the merger of five

bus companies might operate

against the public interest, and a

the reference, the commission's first task had been to decide whether the "merger situation" was one which satisfied the criteria for investigation established by section 64(3) of the Fair Trading Act 1973. If it did not the commission had no jurisdiction. The applicants contested by judicial review the commission's finding that the geographical area by reference to which the existence of a merger situation had to be

ascertained was a "substantial part" of the United Kingdom within section 64(3). The reference area, as delineated by the secretary of state, was the county of South Yorkshire, the districts of Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derbyshire Dales, High Peak and North-East Derbyshire and of Bassetlaw. The total area was rather more than 1,500 square miles and about 1.8 million people

## **Monopolies Commission** has power to rule on bus companies' merger

Regina v Monopolies and Mergers Commission and Another, Ex parte South Yorkshire Transport Ltd and Another

Before Lord Templeman, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Lowry, Lord Mustill and Lord Siynn of [Speaches December 16]

into account when deciding The Monopolies and Mergers Commission had jurisdiction to whether the requirements of the word, so understood, were sufficied. investigate a merger in relation to a substantial part of the United No recourse to dictionaries was needed to establish that "substan-Kingdom" within the meani section 64(3) of the Fair Trading Act 1973, where the reference area tial" accommodated a wide range of meanings: at one extreme "not trilling": at the other "nearly was of such size, character and complete". It was sufficient to say that, although his Lordship did not importance as to make it worth consideration for the purposes of

accept that "substantial" could never mean "more than de The House of Lords so held when allowing an appeal by the commission and the Secretary of minimis", in section 64(3) it lay further up the spectrum. His Lordship was glad to adopt, as a means of giving a general indication of where it lay within the range of possible meanings, the expression of Lord Justice Nourse in the Court of Appeal: State for Trade and Industry from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (Lord Donaldson of lymington. Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Nourse dissenting) (Phe Times December 9, 1991; [1992] worthy of consideration for the 1 WLR 291) of their appeal from the decision of Mr Justice Otton on purpose of the Act". If the commission proceeded, (The Times April 9, 1991) whereby when examining its jurisdiction, on the basis that it was enough for he granted the applicants, South Yorkshire Transport Ltd and the reference were to be come than South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority, a declaration that a report by the commission, which trifling, then that was a radical misconception. However, although one could appreciate

> understood the content of the words. "a substantial part". words. "a substantial part", examination of their report did not disclose that fundamental mistake There remained the question hether, even if the commission had placed the test in broadly the

right part of the spectrum, it nevertheless failed to apply the test Here the contest was between (I) striking an arithmetical proportion between the reference area and the United Kingdom as a whole: (ii) an assessment in absolute terms of the size and importance of the area; and (iii) a mixture of the two kinds

the courts below held that the commission had entirely mis-

Although the relationship of the part to the whole was not to be ignored, proportionality was not the beginning and end of the matter. As to geographical einent, the reference to a substantial part of the United Kingdom was enabling, not restrictive. The word "substantial" was there to ensure that the expensive and timeconsuming mechanism of a merger reference was not set in motion if the effort was not worthwhile.

it was clear that there was no cut-

geography and arithmetic alone. Similarly, the argument that the decisive factor consisted of a sented 1.65 per cent and 3.2 per cent of the totals for the United The interpretation of section 64(3) had to proceed by two stages: of bus-miles run by the services or ous-mises run by the services under investigation and those in the cramity as a whole was very hard to square with the words "part of the United Kingdom" A which were surely intended to relate to the area itself, and not, at first, a general appreciation of what "substantial" meant in its present context; second, a consideration of the elements to be taken

> Where the task was to interore an enabling provision, designed to confer on the commission the power to investigate mergers believed to be against the public interest, the court should lean against an interpretation which would give the commission juris-diction over references of the present kind in only a small

any rate primarily, to the market

minority of cases. That was the more so in the services, since that was a matter of importance to the public.

Although his Lordship was reluctant to propose a test, it would be helpful to endorse, with one qualification, the formulation of Lord Justice Nourse as a general guide and to state that the part oust be of such size, character and importance as to make it worth consideration for the purposes of

Applying that test, one asked first, whether any misdirection was established and second: whether the decision could be overturned on its facts. As to the first, it was quite clear that the approach of the commission was in general accord with what his Lordship proposed. On the second question, the parties were at odds as to the proper function of the courts. Once the criterion for a judgment had n property un judgment proceeded unequivoapproach could not be applied to every case, for the criterion so established might itself be so imprecise that different decision-

makers, each acting rationally. might reach different conclusions In such a case the court was entitled to substitute its own opinion only if the decision was so aberrant that it could not be classed as rational. In the present case there was no ground for at which the commission arrived was well within the permissible field of judgment and, in his Lordship's opinion, was right. Lord Templeman, Lord Goff.

Lord Lowry and Lord Slynn Solicitors Treasury Solicitor:

## Home Office not liable for officer's misfeasance

Racz v Home Office

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Kennedy Dudement December 41

A prison officer who committed the tort of misfeasance in public office by carrying out acts which were unauthorised or which were done for some malicious purpose was acting outside the scope of his Office was not vicariously liable for the misfeasance.
The Court of Appeal so held

dismissing an appeal by the plain-tiff. Steven Racz, from Mrs Justice Ebsworth (The Times November 25) who had granted an applica-tion by the Home Office to strike out of the plaintiff's statement of claim an allegation of misfeasance in public office.

The plaintiff, a remand prisoner at Armley in Leeds, was suing the Home Office for damages for assault, misfeasunce and false imprisonment arising out of his ill treatment by prison officers at the Mr David Harris, OC and Mr

Tim Owen for the plaintiff; Mr Guy Sankey, QC and Mr Neil Garnham for the Home Office. LORD JUSTICE NEILL, said that the deliberate abuse of power by a person holding public office constituted the tort of misfeasance

in public office.

It was common ground that (a) the Crown was vicariously liable for the toris of prison officers: (b) an employer was vicariously liable for torts committed by the employee in the course of his employment and would be liable even for acts which he had not

were so connected with acts which be had authorised that they might be regarded as modes, although improper modes, of doing them; (c) if the unauthorised and wrongful act of the employee was not so connected with the authorised act as to be a mode of

doing it, but was an independent act, the employer was not liable. Basing himself on those prin-ciples, the plaintiff argued that as he officers concerned were on duty at that time and were in charge of the plaintiff as a prisoner on remand, their conduct towards him was an improper mode of carrying out their task of looking after him.

For the Home Office It was

First, that save in exception circumstances, the tort of mis-feasance in public office could not teasance in public office could not attract vicarious liability. By its very nature the tort involved the commission of acts which were unauthorised by the employer and known by the tortleasor to be unauthorised, or alternatively, involved some conduct carried out by the employer in had faith and for the employee in bad faith and for some malicious purpose of his

Second, that, in any event, any doubt about the matter had bee laid to rest by the speech of Lord Bridge of Harwich in Weldon Home Office (The Times July 25, 1991; [1992] 1 AC 58).

In view of his Lordship's conclu-sion on the second argument, it was not necessary to express a concluded opinion on the first. In Weldon the House of Lords had held that section 12(1) of the Prison Act 1952 provided lawful authority for the restraint of pris-oners within defined bounds of the prisoner could not bring an action for false imprisonment either against the Home Office or a

prison governor.

It would be seen therefore that the tort of misseasance in a public office did not arise for direct consideration in Weldon. Nevertheless, when dealing with the caim for false imprisonment Lord Bridge had expressed the clear opinion that the Home Office could not be liable in law for the tort of misfeasance committed by prison officers.

By the unanimous rejection of Weldon's claim against the Home Office all the members of the House must have adopted Lord Bridge's analysis that if the officers' had acted outside the scope of their authority so that they could not rely on section 12 of the 1952 Act, the Home Office would nevertheless not be liable because in that event no vicarious liablity would anach to the officer's acts.

By the same process of reason-ing, the Home Office would not be liable for misfeasunce by the officers because such misfeasance would involve either acts which

were known to be unauthorised or acts which were committed for some malicious purpose. It was true that Lord Bridge's reference to misfeasance could be regarded as obiter. In the context of the rest of his speech, however, his Lordship felt bound to treat what he said as sufficiently authoritative for the purpose of the present

Lord Justice Beldam and Lord Justice Kennedy delivered concur-Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co. Treasury Solicitor.

appeal.

#### The defendant did not go so far sign a certificate but there was no as to submit that evidence had to reason to read them into section 69(1) when oral evidence would be might or might not be hearsay. be given by a computer expert but morning of March 18 she had If the document produced by the open to challenge by crosssomeone who had responsibility examination.

Expert not required to prove operation of computer

Before Lord Griffiths. Lord Emslie, Lord Roskill, Lord Ackner and Lord Lowny

Speeches December 16 Where reliance was placed on duced by a computer, the requirement in section 69(1) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 for it to be shown that the computer had been operating properly could be satisfied by the oral evidence of a person familiar with the operation of the computer who could give evidence of its

reliability and such a person need not be a computer expert. The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by Hilda Shephard from the order of the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Lloyd, Mr Justice Leonard and Mr Justice Blofeld, ((1991) 43 Cr App R 139) dismissing her appeal against conviction on October 27, 1989 at St Albans Crown Court of an offence of theft, contrary to section it is of the Their Act 1968.

The Court of Appeal had certifled the following point of law of general public importance: "Whether a party seeking to rely on computer evidence could dis-charge the burden under section (2011) of the 1984 Act without adline a computer expert, and if so

Junes QC and Mr Robert Leon-ard for the defendant: Mr Brian Barker, QC and Mrs Esther Rayman for the Crown.

LORD GRIFFITHS said that the defendant had been arrested on March 17, 1989, Various items of food and clothing from Marks & Spencers for which she had no receipt were found in her car. She

and Building Supplies Ltd

Judgment December 101

Before Judge Hague, Mr J. R. Crosby and Ms B. Dean

When upholding a decision of an

amount of a compensation award

redundancy by the amount of the

ev gratia payment made by the

employers, the Employment Ap-peal Tribunal said that the mani-

iest purpose of section 74(7) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 was to

encountge employers who found it necessary to dismiss for redun-

dancy to be generous in making ex

graina payments.

The Employment Appeal Tri-

stealing the goods. The principal evidence for the

prosecution was given by a store detective employed by Marks & Spencers. She said that on the removed all the till rolls from the

She explained that the tills were connected to a central computer which fed in the date, time. customer number and till number carried out an examination of all and there had been no record on them of the items found in the

It was quite apparent from the store detective's evidence that she was thoroughly familiar with the operation of the tills and of the computer, albeit she did not pretend to any technical understand ing of the operation of the

The defendant did not give evidence and was convicted. If the till rolls were properly admitted in evidence that was hardly surprise ing for they provided the most powerful evidence of guilt.
It was, however, submitted that

the till rolls should not have been admitted in evidence because the store detective's evidence did not satisfy the provisions of section 60"(i) In any proceedings, a statement in a document produced by a computer shall not be admissible as evidence of any fact stated therein unless it is shown . . (b) that at all material times the computer was operating

Such a duty could not be discharged without evidence by the application of the presumption that the computer was working correctly expressed in the maxim omnia praesumuntur die esse acta, as appeared to be suggested

decision of a Colwyn Bay indus-trial tribunal in June 1990 that he

was not entitled to compensation

although he had been unfairly dismissed by the employers. Harcros Timber and Building Supplies Ltd. in that he had not

been given sufficient warning of

Flughes for the employers.

Mr Rushton in person: Mr Peter

JUDGE HAGUE said that the

employers had made an additional er gratia payment of £5,320 over

and above the redundancy pay-

When assessing compensation the

industrial inburial had made no award holding that Mr Rushion had already had his basic award in

ment and pay in heu of not

whether the computer document had been produced with or without the input of information provided by the human mind and thus

computer was hearsay it would be necessary to comply with the provisions of section 24 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, the successor to section 68 of the 1984 Act, before the document could be admitted as evidence and it would the provisions of section 69. There was no warrant for an

interpretation of the Act which limited the operation of section 69 to cases that fell within sections 68 Appeal in R v Minors (1989) 1 WLR 441), which had been followed in a number of subsequent cases most notably R v Spile The Times March 10, 1990, (1990) 91 Cr App R 1861 and R v Neville (1991) Crim LR 288).

If the prosecution wished to rely upon a document produced by a computer they had to comply with section 69 in all cases.

The principal argument for the defendant started with the proposition that the store detective was not "a person occupying a responsible position in relation to the operation of the computer" within the meaning of paragraph 8(d) of Schedule 3 to the 1984 Act and therefore was not qualified to sign a certificate for the purpose of providing proof of the matters contained in section 60(1).

That his Lordship accepted. Although the store detective under-stood the operation of the computer and could speak of its reliability she had no responsibility for its operation.

Credit given for employer's compensatory payment

the form of his redundancy pay-ment and any compensatory award could not exceed the er

The industrial inhunal had re-

fied on section 73(9) of the 1975

Act. which provided that the amount of the basic award should

he reduced by the amount of the redundancy payment, and on sec-tion 74(7), which provided that if a

redundancy payment exceeded the basic award that excess award

should go to reduce the amount of

The employee argued that he

should have been compensated for loss of pay during the period of

prior warning which the tabunal

aid he should have nad and that

that should not have been offset by the ex gratta payment. He relied

the compensatory award

gratia payment

quired one to read into section 69(1) after the words "unless it is shown" the following words lifted from paragraph 8 of Schedule 3: "by [the oral evidence of] a person occupying a responsible position in However, he could not accept relation to the operation of the the next step in the defendant's argument which was that oral computer."
Those words did not appear in

> question whether an employer was to be given credit for an ex gratia payment were difficult and Dieta in Addison v Babcock FATA Ltd (1987) ICR 45) suggested that an ex gratia payment should not be deducted from the compensator, award. In Honzon.

on Roadchef Ltd v Hastings §1988[IRLR 142].

The reported decisions on the

Holiday: Lid v Grassi (1987) ICR \$51) the ex gratia payment was deducted. The appeal tribunal considered that the meaning of section 74(7) was reasonably plain and that in the calculation of a compensatory award an employer should receive credit for any redundancy pay-ment he made. It would be

unfortunate if an employer in deciding whether to make an ex gratia payment had to take into account the possibility of an indus-inal tribunal award over and above the ex gratia payment. That would have the effect of reducing the frequency and levels of exgratia payments and would be detrimental to the interests of employees generally.

Section 74(7) applied directly. in giving credit to the employers for the er gratia payment. The relevant ducta in Addison's case would not be followed nor would the decision in Roadchef Ltd v. Hastings. The appeal would be dismissed

Solicitors: Clough & Willis.

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**THEATRE page 28** 

Bob Kingdom makes a bewitching impression as Dylan Thomas in a one-man show

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**TELEVISION page 29** 

Childhood innocence confronts the restrictions of colonial society in The Hummingbird Tree



CINEMA: Geoff Brown reviews Chaplin, the latest of Richard Attenborough's 'quality, middle-brow entertainments'

## Such a long haul for the little fellow

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Chaplin Odeon Leicester Square (12) The Muppet Christmas Carol MGM Haymarket, Odeon Kensington (U) The Princess and the Goblin Odeon Kensington (U)
Cool World MGM Trocadero (12)
Mo' Money MGM Haymarket (15)

he tramp silhouene, framed in a doorway, a stark, almost funereal white. The legend: "He made the whole world laugh and cry. He will again." But will he?

Despite the film poster's opti-mism, and the good wishes of all who support Richard Attenborough's quality, middle-brow entertainments — especially one that was disched by Universal six weeks be-fore the scheduled start and remounted, refinanced, from scratch - the fact remains that Chaplin will need to fight hard for an

Times change. Great-grandparents of today's young moviegoers might have laughed at the Little Tramp's smiles and pirouettes, his

droll antics with hat and cane, bread rolls on There is never forks, or policemen's backsides. enough footage current of Charlie youth is hugely cinema's past; performing, many in America only know the Tramp as an ad-

being funny' vertising symbol for IBM. And for those cinematically literate. Chap-lin has long been unfashionable. especially in Britain. We may admire Chaplin's pantomime skills, his blending of slapstick with sentiment. But we actually laugh at

Here, Attenborough's casting may help. For the 26-year-old American Robert Downey Jr (son already won susceptible hearts. even in rubbish such as Air America. Chaplin stretches his talents enormously. He emerges victorious from his lengthy assault course with experts on English accents and pratfalls, though he lacks Chaplin's expressive eyes and ultimately falls victim to prosthetics: by the film's end he is aged 83, a fit companion to Bette Midler's latex grotesque in

For The Boys. Attenborough, though, was asking for trouble by squeezing so much of Chaplin's life into a single feature film. The narrative stretches from 1894, when young Charile makes his supposed stage debut before Aldershot soldiers, to 1972, when he returns to America after 20 years' exile to receive his special Oscar. In between comes a jittery kaleidoscope of marriages and

divorces, friends (Douglas Fair-banks), enemies (J. Edgar Hoover), famous incidents, famous films.
Facts get garbled and situations

caricatured, which might not matter if we were still served a solid dramatic meal; but the troubled labours of the writers (chiefly William Boyd and William Goldman) produce little more than a television dinner, with 15 guest stars to match. Here's Dan Aykroyd as Mack Sennett, and Kevin Kline as

Moira Kelly takes care of Char-lie's first love Hettie, and his last, Oona. Geraldine Chaplin provides a unique frisson playing her own grandmother. Hannah, her sanity destroyed, kneading biscuits into

Goldman's special contribution was the scattered

scenes of an aged Chariie in his Swiss exile, working with Anthony Hopautobiography. bond the fragmentary script, they appear as

that harm one of the film's chief assets: its sense of place. For Attenborough's team make a fine job of re-imagining the grim pau-per's London of Chaplin's youth.

That done, cameraman Sven Nykvist works a stunning conjuring trick, flooding the screen with golden light for Charlie's first glimpse of California Attenance of film pioneers: one fetching scene shows Rollie Totheroh, long Chaplin's editor, cutting celluloid with his teeth.

But as this valiant but deeply flawed film wends its way from early shorts to City Lights and beyond, from disastrous marriages to late-flowering bliss with Oona, it becomes increasingly clear that key pieces in the story are missing. We get no sense that Chaplin was plucked from Victorian obscurity to become the most famous, feted man in the world. More crucially still, despite Downey's skills at mimicry there is never enough footage of Charlie performing. simply being funny.

Without this, Charlie appears no comic genius but a troubled, rather unsympathetic figure, whose creative fuices become drained by



Marisia Tomei as Mabel Normand succumbing to the charm of Robert Downey Jr as the Little Tramp, in a film within the new film biography of Charlie Chaplin

tensions and the enmity of the FBI. As the minutes roll on (the film clocks in at two hours, 20 minutes), Chaplin grows unduly melancholic, a saddening tale of restless desire and ambition, fear and exile. This will aggravate those expecting a jolly salute to a famous funnyman. It is also, perhaps, an unfortunate choice for this year's Royal Film. The Queen could do with some

cheering up. Chaplin was conceived and post-produced in Britain, though all the inance came from abroad. The Muppet Christmas Carol, largely delightful, could also be claimed as quasi-British, through its source material (good old Charles Dickens), its host studio. Shepperton, and the presence of Michael Caine. This is the Muppets' first movie

since Jim Henson's death, and the

familiar storyline. There is enough foolery and magic to please young children, though they may start wriggling when the soft-toy superstars take a back seat to Caine's Scrooge. Unlike earlier extravaganzas, these Muppets never get out of hand; adults in tow should be especially pleased.

The script closely follows Dick-ens, even though Bob Cratchit and wife are really Kermit and Miss Piggy, wrapped in Victorian clothes. The rest of Henson's menagerie fill the attractive, stylised, snow-bound sets; aside from Scrooge, real humans are

A mean grimace comes hard to the genial Caine, which upsets some of the story's force. Still, director Brian Henson (son of Jim) makes amends once Scrooge meets

stic misfortune, his own pre-first to nuck them into a strong, his three Ghosts. True, the bulbous. Now the tale is peopled by hum-acters on speed, Meanwhile, in liv hairy Ghost of Christmas Present will curl a few toes (imagine Brian Blessed times three); but the episode with Christmas Yet to Come, a gnaried grey faceless shroud, casts gentuine icy spell.

The film comes bedecked with passable Paul Williams songs, though the weakest should not have been left for Caine's vocal cords. When he bleats "I Will Hold You Close in a Thankful Heart" we know that Pavarotti has nothing to WOITV about.

The Princess and the Goblin, directed by Jozsef Gemes, brings another children's book to the screen, but with far less success. When originally published in 1871, George MacDonald's fantasy about a sheltered princess combating goblins boasted Arthur Hughes's atmospheric illustrations. drum characters, blandly drawn in a simple style best left to television. This is a Weish-Hungarian coproduction, of which there cannot be many. It may just pass muster with families desperate for some-thing harmless, but it by-passes cinema's magic.

o what do adults get for Christmas? Cool World for one: an exhausting mixed media exercise from Ralph Bakshi, the self-consciously hip director of Fritz the Cat and Heavy Traffic. He has been ominously quiet for a while. Now he rushes back, tootling trumpets with a technically ingenious but highly resistible tale of two parallel worlds. In the animated "cool world", lewd, manic creatures leap around like Warner Brothers cartoon charaction Las Vegas, Gabriel Byrne's comic-book artist gets sucked into his own imaginings, while his sexpot creation Holli Would (ha ha) leaps from ink to flesh and becomes Kim Basinger. This is a film with brilliance aplenty, but no gleam of warmth, no breathing space for frazzled spectators, and, ultimately,

Life is hardly quieter in Mo'
Money, a belligerent gag-andbloodshed romp from director
Peter Macdonald, designed to showcase its young writer-star Damon Wayans and his even younger brother, Marlon. They play two street punks mixed up in a credit card fraud; but what price a coherent plot when there are faces to pull, gays to mock, and bodies to pepper with holes? If this is grownup cinema, give me Peter Rabbit.

## Taking the Americans to Court

#### **ARTS** BRIEFING

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FOR the Royal Court Theatre, traditionally the home of new British drama, 1993 looks like being an American year. After the Tom Wilkinson Lear closes in March, the actress Anna Deavere Smith will be seen in her onewoman play. Fires in the Mirror. That is the fruit of personal research in Crown Heights, an area of Brooklyn disfigured by violence between Jews and Afro-Americans, and has been a huge success in New York itself.

Then comes Playwright in New York, written by Martin Crimp and the result of his experience of an exchange scheme with an American dramatist. And the summer brings what is sure to be one of the year's major events. Harold Pinter's production of David Mamer's Oleanna, by some accounts a scathing attack on the politically correct. No firm decisions on casting yet; but John Malkovich is a target and, if free, likely to return to London for the first time since the dreary Slip of the Tongue.

• MORE honours have been showered on the illustrator Raymond Briggs, creator of The Snowman and When the Wind Blows. He has won the Kurt Maschler Award for The Man, the story of a mysterious encounter between a boy and a man. The annual award, established ten years ago, recognises books in which text and illustration are closely linked, and commemorates the 1920s partnership of Erich Kästner and Walter Trier that produced the children's classic,



Raymond Briggs: Kurt Maschler award winner for The Man

Emil and the Detectives. Briggs picked up a £1,000 cheque and a bronze sculpture of "Emil", sculpted by Diana Welch.

Lights up at Gate MORE good news for the Gate. The Notting Hill theatre has just won the £18,000 first prize in the 1992 LWT Plays on Stage competition, which invests in shows on the strength of proposals from the atres. The Gate's was Bohemian Lights by Ramon del Valle-Indan. Second prize went to Show of Strength for Fanny Burney's A Busy Day, third to Tron Theatre for David Kane's Dumbstruck.

#### Last chance ...

NOT everything about the Royal Opera's latest revival of Madama Butterfly is ideal, to put it mildly, but at its centre is a truly remarkable portrayal of the title role by Yoko Watanabe, one of the leading Butterflys of the day. She combines youthfulness and frailty of appearance with a well-schooled, penetrating yet pliant voice that projects easily, and the impersonation she has worked out with the director Nuria Espert is original, consistent and inordinately moving. The final performance of the Covent Garden run is tonight at 7.30pm (071-240 1066/1911).

## Signals from China picked up in Egypt

CINEMA: David Robinson reports the discovery of Chinese treasure at the Cairo Film Festival

make festivals. The only international competitive event in the Middle East, Cairo has sometimes seemed, in its 16 years, to have everything but films. It is big, glamorous and hospitable, with a frantically enthusiastic local audience - but December is a bad month for pictures. The past year's crop has generally already been exhausted by precedent festivals; and producers are already saving up the best in hopes of making Berlin or Cannes.

This year, however, Cairo tri-umphed, with a real winner for its Golden Pyramid. Those Left Behind, shown for the first time outside China, marks at once the debut of an outstanding talent and a new spirit in Chinese cinema, and promises to be one of the major cinema discoveries of 1993.

At 29, Hu Hueyang is one of China's youngest ever debutant directors. His given name, Hueyang, which means "tree of the snow country", commemorates his family's unsettled history. His father was a theatre director until he was dispatched in 1957 to work as a labourer in the bleak Siberian far north of China. There Hu was born in 1964.

When the family was finally allowed to return to Shanghai in 1980, his father energetically resumed his theatrical activity, but died in 1989, two weeks after Tiananmen Square.

Hu was by this time studying at the Beijing Film Academy; and in 1989 his graduation film Memory of Childhood won the silver award in the American Student Oscar competition. As a result of this success he was allowed to make Those Left Behind, which deals

stivals make films and films with the effect on family ties of a every shift and shade of his characgrowing pattern of emigration.

The heroine is a young woman whose husband is working in San Francisco and waiting for her to join him in due time. She meets a taxi driver who is looking after his little son while his wife works in Tokyo. Both of them are anxious about the strains on their distant partners' fidelity. At the same time they are guiltily attracted to each

Hu's singular gift is the subtlety and clarity with which he depicts

ters' sentiments. Even in this first film, with its occasional clumsiness, his perception of the human heart recalls the great oriental intimist, the Japanese Yasujiro Ozu.

For Chinese cinema the film shows remarkable new openness, despite occasional scars of the scissors in the dialogue. This is an aspect of contemporary Red China the West has never seen before. Hu's Shanghai is not peopled with social models, but with human beings, lovable for their failings.

nightclubs, homely apartments, hotel lobbies where foreign tourists pick up girls; they are taxi drivers, waiters, barmen, bosses, people both fascinated and frightened by the world outside China. All are depicted with tenderness, sly sweet humour and an understanding extraordinary in so young a director. The silver prize winner was another first film and another breakthrough — this time for the host country Egypt: Radwan El-Kushif's Violets Are Blue.



BARNUM: Paul Nicholas walks the hightrope in a Christmas revival of the Cy Coleman/Michael Stewart showbs? Colementationer stellars snowow
musical. Opening night.
Domishon, Tottenham Court Road, W1
(071-580 8845). Tompri, 7pm; then
Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat,
3pm (dosed Christmas day).

MISERY: Sharon Gless (er cop Cagney) unnerves Bli Paterson in stage version of the Stephen King Briller. Criterian, Piccadity Circus, W1 (071-839 4488), Opens tonght, 7pm, then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm (closed Christmes day).

THE PRISONER OF ZENDA: David The President of English Land, his sendyl, spring mage of the King of Russendyl, spring mage of the King of Russell, in this romantic advanture. Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (061-858 7755) Previews from longht, 7 45pm; opens Mon, 7pm (closed Christmat eve and Christmat data).

MADNESS IN VALENCIA: Touring production of a 1607 Lope de Vega fut vers take refuge in a lunabo asylum. The mad same than the same? The the mad same than the same? 229 0706). Opens tonight, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm (closed Christmas eve-Dec 30).

LONDON CITY BALLET: The popular ballet Romea and Juliet returns for four normences. dier's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Toroght-Set, 7 30pm, mat Set, 2.30pm. HANSEL AND GRETEL: David

ANNIE GET YOUR GUN: Irving Berlin's pre-feminist musical is no mode for a Ninebes woman but the songs are simply terrific. Prince of Weles, Covency Street, WI (071-839 5987). Tues-Sat, 7 30pm, meta Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm 160mms.

ASSASSINS: Sondhern's sharp and successful musical explores the impulse that drives no-hopers to leff rican Presidents. mar Warehouse, Earthern Street, WC2 (071-867 1150) Mon-Sal. 7.30pm, mass Thurs, Sal. 3pm. 105mms,

M CAROUSEL: Joanne Riding and Michael Hayden star in triumphent revival of the Rodgers & Hernmerster National (Lyttetton), South Bank, 9E1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7 30pm, mai Sat, 2.15pm. 180mms

CYTUMO DE BERRENAC ROOM Undsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too busting to give amough room to the full polgnancy of his tase.

Theatre Royal, Haymarkat, SW1 (071-930-8800), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mals Wed

CI HAY PEVER: Very furny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent corned) Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, Spm, mats, Thurs,

THUNS IN THE FAMILY: Late In the hospital common room; met Cooney farce with lots of laughe. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401) Mon-Fri, Spm, Set, 8 30pm, mate Thure, 3pm, Set, 8.30pm.

DI AM LOFAL MASSAMES ADDI Carlerat, Henrish Gordon and Mertin Shaw in Wilde's "Inexter dealing" metodrama. Some dated essumptione but stylishly clone. Globe, Shattesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7,45pm, maze Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 185mms. I KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN Tramendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb manual. Is common the values of Menual Pug's novel but Chits. Rivera maisse e striding verno. Shafteebury, Shafteebury Avenue.

**NEW RELEASES** ELENYA (PG): Simple, direct wartime

tain of a Wellin piri and en injured German einnen. Strong feeture debut by director Steve Gough Resseir (071-837 8402). HOME ALONE 2: LOST 3t NEW VORIX (PG): More of the same, with stars crudly Director, Chris Cotumbus. Burblean (071-838 8891) BigGN Chelses (071-838 0310) Octoons: Chelses (071-838 0310) Octoons: Kenstrigton (0428 914898) Markin Anch (0426 914801) Swiss Cottage (0426 914098) West End (0426 915574) UCS Whiterleys (071-792 3333)

ENTO THE WEST (PG). Two gypey

chicken ride a mysterious white hors into western Ireland. Waysand but engaging. Stars Gabriel Byrne, Ellen Barkin, Director, Miles Newst. Odeon Heymerket (0426 918353). TRACES OF RED (15): Sex, murder

MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Panton Street (071-630 0631) CURRENT

+ THE CRYING GAME (10), FA + THE CRYING GAME (18), FA gurman becomes obsessed with a hostage's griffnend Bold, powerful Nei Jordan film that lathers at the close. Chelsee (071-35) 3742/3743) Curzen Phoenix (071-240 9861) MGM Severaurket (071-839 1527).

#### TODAY'S EVENTS

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CONCERTS: John Georgiadis conducts the London Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in a mose programme of lestive music. With flautists, James Galway and Jeanne Barbican Hall, Stk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.15pm, further concerts on

REGIONAL GLASGOW: Myles Rudge's version of The Jungle Block bold and colcurid, directed by Giles Havergal Citizens, Gorbais (041-429 0022)

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IN OUR SONG: Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopeuse; male's infatuation with a young women. Neathy point of view worly heer the men's point of view. Apollo, Shakasbury Avenue, W1 (071-484 S070) Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Set, 8pm

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ETHE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Aligon Steadmen and Jene Horrocke in Jim Centwright's piev about a sity get excepting her raudous mother. Ingenious but incredible.

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III STAGES: Haunting performance by Alan Betas as the weshed-up artist in David Store/s elegy for lost times and places. Lindsay Anderson directs.

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FIELD: Harries Welter partect again in
review of this statile, comic state-of-

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choreographers Kevin Finnan and Louise Pichards Audiences can choose to the whole event or other half on the control of the

Ikon Gallery, John Bright Street, 7pm; The Dance Centre, Hurst Street, 8 30pm

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LIVERPOOL: Ian Tracey conducts the

Royal Liverpool Philhermonic Orchestra in the fourth of a sense of

Christmas carol concerts. Further concerts on Sat, Tues, Wed. Philhermonic Hall, Hope Street.

MANCHESTER: The Moonstone, the

first-ever detective story, with plenty of suspects, including Indian jugglers

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COGFORTO: Music at Oxford a Christmas festival draws to an impressive close with a seasonal carol concert by The

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THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale is disappointed by a Keith Waterhouse/Willis Hall play

## Truly, Billy is showing his age



Paul Wyett as Billy: downbeat, and astonishingly muted and mild

The stage is black

as an unlit cave with

only a bare, black

lectern stuck in the

middle like a coffin

up-ended to save

space in a crowded

graveyard of talents

I CAN well imagine what they would say in Keith Waterhouse's Yorkshire. with its fondness for glum folk-wisdom and depressing proverbs: "Memory plays some bloody daft tricks on you. don't it, then?" Here am I, my head filled with misty images of Tom Countenay and Julie Christie in the movie Billy Liar, he as the fey and funny Walter Mitty of Stradhoughton. she the long-legged beauty failing to tempt him away to London. And here is a revival of the play that Waterhouse wrote with Willis Hall before the film came out; and it turns out to be a surprisingly charmless contribution to what, back in 1960, was still called the kitchen-sink school of regional realism.

The piece is pretty dated. Can you imagine a contemporary 18-. 19- or 20-year-old, or whatever age Billy Fisher is, bringing home a prim and proper fiancée to meet his folks, and being treated with such open contempt by them? His mother moans about his washing habits, or rather his lack of them. His father tells him to stand up straight and get his hands out of his pockets, and, when the lad says something uncivil to his grandmother, hurls him bodily around the fake-chic

Strait-laced Barbara looks on, not liking the scene very much but clearly thinking it far from strange. How the generation gap has shrunk. No longer do Mr and Mrs Fisher seem normal and their son interestingly odd. Even in Yorkshire, admittedly one of our less soft counties, parents who so savagely humiliated a grown-up child today would be thought monsters. The boy could be expected to take a hatchet to them or at least succumb to schizophrenia.

Billy's response, to become a habitual fibber and fantasist, seems astonishingly muted and mild. As a gesture of unconventional defiance, it has lost almost all its original impact.

searching for memories of his younger

self, a journey ending with the moving-ly iterated "Dead, dead, dead, dead,

The poems are much concerned with

death. The death of a child, the death

of his father, and the light indeed

begins to die as he speaks the fine lines

of "Do not go gentle into that good night". To end the evening here would

be easy but Hopkins and Kingdom

poems and several of

the spiendid, rever-

berating tales: a child's Christmas,

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**Dylan Thomas:** 

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But need it have lost its whimsical fun? Last night. I smiled when Paul Wyett's Billy span tall tales of having personally constructed the household furniture from scrutch, or of his narrow-minded grandmother having invented penicillin, or of his ignorant father being the author of 40 unpublished novels.

I laughed a little when Angela Clarke, playing the most strident and aggressive of the three women to whom he is engaged, launches an attack on Victoria Scarborough, playing the wettest.

But, like those around me, I was more amused by the relatively peripheral character of the gran herself, in Elizabeth Bradley's splendid performance a grudging old misery from one of Giles's cartoons, forever addressing obscure complaints about layabouts and "blackies" to the surrounding chairs and tables.

Unfortunately, she pegged out halfway through, leaving us with little to remember but the dourish conflict between Wyett's downbeat Billy and June Watson and James Grant, doggedly bringing what plausibility they can to his puritanical parents. And was there ever such a drear pair of champions of lower-middle-class respeciability, with their hatred of beards, suede shoes, education and Shakespeare, not to mention their almost anal obsession with cleanliness? Doubtless it was honourable of

Willis and Hall to have denied us a happy ending, and perhaps it was right of Tim Supple, who directs, to have refused to milk their play for casy humour. But should I have left the National quite so glad that the 1950s were long, long dead?

resist this option and the light springs

back to full for a last anecdote and the verses of "Fern Hill". Then Kingdom

turns his head smartly to the left, as if to

break the thread connecting him to us.

and walks off, unhurried, unsmiling,

and is gone. To be honest, the booming delivery of the longer poems is not best suited to our task of following those thoughts and feelings that surface rockily amid the weltering sea of images. I lost my . 3 bearings several times. The shorter. tumbling, sexual force of the early stuff would have made a better choice. "Do not go gentle" excepted. But the dry, wry, mischievous manner Kingdom finds, or absorbs from Dylan, for the tales is bewitching. I could have listened to his spell-binding, wordwinding wizardry there for hours.

Jeremy Kingston

audience on his last tour and he treats POP: Alan Jackson finds less in Beverley Craven than meets the eye

snuffed out by a maltster's measure.

The show begins, as it ends, with a slow

dying of the light, fading and drain-

ing, till nothing is there at all, then on comes a spotlight pointing at the curtains and Kingdom's Thomas, a

kingdom of Thomases, walks unhur-

ried, unsmiling into view and greets us with a lost Weish lecturer's nod.

We are imagined to be an American

## If music be the fast-food of love . . .

WHEN she was introduced to the Press prior to her self-titled first album, Beverley Craven's record label made the presumptuous mistake of hailing her as the latest standard bearer in a grand tradition of women singer/ songwriters. In the Sixties, there had emerged Joni Mitchell, they noted, followed by Kate Bush in the Seventies and Suzanne Vega in the Eighties. Now here was their new signing Craven, destined to represent the Nineties.

THE two words "Anthony Hopkins"

are printed prominently on the adverts for this one-man show, and no wonder

since a star name guarantees interest

but Hopkins is involved as director and

it is Bob Kingdom who impersonates

the snub-nosed, stub-nosed, nosey,

noisy, red-haired, sad-aired, drinker

and linker of thundering, wonderin

original. Those pink and puffy features like the face of an old child's shrinking.

sinking Christmas balloon, gathering

evebrows together and squashing nose

and mouth in a late-night lover's half-

missed kiss; the high-cut auburn waves

of hair flowing round the jutting jetties

of his eager, rearing ears. Dressed in a

crumpled, not so cleanish, greenish-

blackish, brackish suit and spotted

moth of a blue bow-tie that has given

up all care for camouflage.

He looks astonishingly like the

Critics choked on their free beer, but the public were quick to lap up this hyperbole. And after a shaky start, her album rallied to become a runaway success, making Craven one of the most convincing British pop debuts of last year.

This pre-Christmas one-off show, capitalising on this achievement and flagging material from her forthcom-

**Beverley Craven** Royalty

ing second album, was a well-received and tasteful affair, but proved again how rash and faintly ridiculous those initial comparisons were. If the singer/songwriter genre were to be compared to haute cuisine, Mitchell would undoubtedly provide its finest dish, a heady mélange of tart and telling flavours, a veritable feast. Craven, model-pretty and likeable though she appears from behind her grand piano, would be the musical equivalent of airline food: efficient yet uninspired, enjoyable only within the most narrow of contexts.

Like many other writers, she deals mainly with the romantic and the interpersonal, yet in a particularly

plain and artless fashion. On this occasion, songs were dedicated to her boyfriend, her best girlfriend, even her dog Joey — a rather enjoyable number. that, featuring some spirited harmonic work led by the always-excellent Tessa.

Whereas others find moments of epiphany within the everyday, and capture them with sharp and apposite images, Craven struggles instead with a banal and cliched vocabulary that never forgets to rhyme "together "forever". That her single global issue song. "Hope", pivots on the supremely vague line "And I hope it's gonna be alright..." says it all.

There were nice touches. Five piece

trad-jazzers the Chicago Teddy Bears decorated her best number, the relatively adventurous "Missing You", then paraded across the footlights and into the bar to play throughout the

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Beverley Craven: model-pretty

interval. And veteran Los Angeles drumming ace Russ Kunkel augmented Craven's already good band of players with a consistently solid and skilful display. At the evening's heart, though, was a musical gift that is never more than pleasant, and which aims itself fairly and squarely at an audience who find Tracey Thorn or even Julia Fordham too taxing.

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# A polymath in paradise

Roger Harrabin on the many talents of Ian McDonald. whose account of a colonial childhood is now a BBC film

enaissance Man is alive and well, and living in Guyana. Ian McDonald the author of The Hummingbird Tree, a novel filmed for the BBC and broadcast on Sunday, is also an industrialist, a poet, a political commentator, an authority on cricket, a newspaper columnist, an environmentalist and a former world-class tennis

It is difficult to conceive of so accomplished a polymath in contemporary Europe, But McDonald is something of an anachronism in the West Indies, too. He seems to belong in the age of the Romantics. when life was lived at a level of passionate intensity beyond the capacity of Metropolitan Man.

His novel, The Hummingbird Tree, is a semi-autobiographical account of a white boy's childhood in 1940s Trinidad. The central figure, 12-year-old Alan, grows up in a house in the country with a conservative colonial mother and a more liberal father. His chosen friends are not his peers in white society, but the Indian houseboy Kaiser, and his little sister Jaillin.

Kaiser immerses Alan in the rich diversity of the Caribbean rain-forest. He takes his white friend on expeditions, catching butterflies and birds. He also introduces him to the world of the Trinidadian Indian village, where superstition, poverty and brutality are blended with vibrancy, immediacy and passion in a baffling and intoxicating concoction.

But Alan's attachment to his Indian friends and the life they represent cannot last. The novel traces his painful and reluctant transition from the mystery and innocence of childhood. He is forced to choose between two seemingly irreconcilable alternatives - to remain true to Kaiser and Jaillin and be outcast by white society, or to reject them and follow the traditional path to a respectable career. There is an inevitability that options will be closed.

The novelist in real life, though, escaped those strictures. McDonald has kept open his options in life, pursuing them with a vigour verging on the superhuman. He left Trinidad to study at Clare College, Cambridge, where he captained the Blues tennis team, and was a member of the boisterous sportsmen's Hawks Club. He confused his muscular fellows there by revealing his love of poetry. The tender souls in the Poetry Society were equally enthralled to have a

young Adonis in their midst. And Adonis he was. Friends relate with awe the legends of McDonald's relentless success with a large cast of beautiful young women from each of Guyana's



An attachment that cannot last: Sunil Y Ramjitsingh, Tom Beasley and Desha Penco in the BBC film of The Hummingbird Tree

many races (he is now married to an Indian woman). They also admired his progress elsewhere, as he toured the world as a West Indies Davis Cup player, and rose through the ranks of the sugar industry to become chairman of the West Indian sugar committee. In his spare time he was writing

poems — and his novel. His poems (published by Peterioo Poets) are lyrical and vigorous in their celebration of the fierce passion of the Caribbean and its peoples. One poem, "Carib Bones", pays tribute to the ancient warrior race of Guyana, who despised pain and loved battle with an intensity that would be described nowadays as brutal. Other poems celebrate the majestic beauty of the Guyanese rainforest and warn of the dangers of envimamental destruction.

One collection of poems, Mercy Ward, is set in a ward for the terminally ill. It is populated by unforgettable characters such as Nurse Guyadeen and the mad preacher, and it is heart-wrenching and angry, but also human, touching and very funny.

McDonald now edits a Caribbean poetry review as well as being marketing director for the Guyana Sugar Corporation, writing a weekgeneral interest column in an independent newspaper, commen-tating on cricket, playing tennis and squash, helping to bring up two young sons, and retreating regularly at weekends to a house in the unspoiled rainforest of his

e acknowledges that his multiplicity of roles may cause a degree of envy - as well as awe - in the modern European. "I noticed in Britain that people tend to get typecast." he says. "Once you are identified as being good at something your other avenues tend

to be closed. in a small society like Guyana there are many parts to be played, especially as so many of our talented people have emigrated. People know me as an expert on sugar marketing, but they will, also, invite me on to a panel to discuss the work of Detek Walcott, for instance. I treasure that, and I think it is sad that it is so difficult to achieve in a society like Britain

where there are so many well-qualified people to fill every niche." McDonald wonders how his own work will be received by British television viewers. The Hummingbird Tree is ultimately a story of the triumph of racial and social stereotyping over childhood innocence and openness, and although Mc-Donald does not fit the stereotype himself, neither does he despise it.

"I myself have always had Indian and black friends and I am married to an Indian woman, but I can understand the motives of the older white generation who thought that to mix races would be somehow to let down the people who had laid down admirable traditions over the years. I don't agree with it, but I can see there is something fine in that maintenance of standards.

"I also think there is something eternal in the story, too, because the tensions placed on a white boy growing up with Indian friends are similar to those placed on a poor Indian boy wanting to leave his background to go off to university. As children you can have pure and strong relationships that come up against pressures as you grow older. That causes enormous stresses in human beines.

McDonald himself appears remarkably stress-free in his well-organised life. As he approaches the age of 60 he maintains that the prospect of death helps to focus his mind on what is still to be achieved. ● The Hummingbird Tree is broadcast on BBC 1 at 8.15pm on Sunday

CONCERT REVIEWS

## Difficult journey safely completed

I here have been times in the last few months when Olaf Bar seems to have been going through something of a vocal Winter Journey himself. Recent Barbican performances of orches-tral songs by Mahler gave cause for concern: how would he survive the solitary hour and a half of Schubert's long, late Winterreise at the Wigmore Hall?

To my ears the voice has sounded fired, unable to focus and pitch itself property, powerless to realise adequately the thoughtful interpretative intention which lay behind it. Whatever the possible reasons for this, it is good to report that Tuesday showed Bar in better voice, and taking shrewd preven-tive measures at possible danger

Where the voice seems to tire most quickly, during slow, sustained passages, Bär — with accompanist Geoffrey Parsons as stalwart support — held the tempo lightly. Where Schubert's own biting account held to prove and part of the cents help to propel and concen-rate the voice, as in "Rückblick" and "Der stürmische Morgen", Bär would make the most of their

Above all. Bar's ever-deepening insight into this song cycle provided its own powerful support. His has never been a verbally specific, vividly word-painted Winterreise. Rather, he has reflected the shifting nuances of world weariness, disillusionment and resignation which track it to its end. This time there was a louder note of anger, a more determined nihilism in its footfall.

Already in the song about frozen tears, Bar seemed to be standing outside himself. This depersonalisation was continued in an almost reflective, self-communing "Die Post", preparing the listener for the particularly potent sense of numb panic which he was able to create as the crow circled above him and thoughts and musical notes scartered like the autumn leaves.

As Bar approached the last stages of this Winterreise, the voice be came more concentrated as the wanderer's visionary determination grew. Even in the very slow "Das Wirtshaus" there was a sense of compulsive onward movement, even as the step was dragged down. An alert imagination and tight mental focus can certainly concentrate Bar's voice impressively in the short term. One can only hope that. in the longer term, equally imaginative advice and help will be on

HILARY FINCH

## Batons and bows

ven in these days of histori-cal performance practice, it is not customary for the soloist in Beethoven's Violin Concerto to direct the orchestra as well. Pinchas Zukerman, however, has long established himself both as a conductor and as a violinist, and on Tuesday night he tackled the Beethoven with the English Chamber Orchestra, with whom he launched his conducting career

more than two decades ago. So technically demanding is the concerto that any soloist has his or her hands full without having to worry about the orchestra. It was thus a tribute to Zuckerman's musicianship that his performance was not only as technically accomplished as any heard for a long time, but also a good deal more expressive than most.

Zukerman directed from the front, sometimes with one arm, sometimes with the bow, and occasionally with both hands - his violin precariously tucked under his chin. The ensemble never suffered: this was the new, improved ECO at its most impressive. But nor, even more remarkably, did Zukerman's playing, as notable for its impecca-ble intonation as for the fresh, inspirational phrasing.

The close of the first movement brought the finest moments. First came the cadenza, characteristic of the performance as a whole in its quiet authority. Then followed the final subdued delivery of the main theme, confided to the listener with almost Brahmsian introspection.



Zukerman: established as both a conductor and a soloist

The first half of the concert, in which Zukerman confined his activity to the podium, was a more mixed success. It began with a delightful account of Schubert's Overture in D ("in the Italian style") D590, the introductory Adaglo beautifully moulded, the main Allegro tripping along aptiv Rossinian gait.

But then came a dull performance of Schoenberg's Verklärte Nacht, poorly shaped and fatally lacking passion. Two out of three is a reasonable score, though. And the memory of Zukerman's Beethoven will not easily be erased.

BARRY MILLINGTON

## Black and white and blue all over

Success: DS Kernan (John Benfield), DCI Tennison (Helen Mirren), DI Burkin (Craig Fairbrass)

Prime Success 2 1773 Prime Suspect 2 (ITV Tuesday and last night, could hardly have been anything else. After the serial killings of the prizewinning race hatred. original, the sequel grabbed the audience's attention with the discovery of the decomposed body of a young girl, buried in a back-garden in a predominantly black area of London. Adding in a local black youth who had been doubtfully convicted of killing a still-missing girl, and an imminent by election in which the black Labour candidate was campaigning for the youth's release. Lynda La Plante

had an explosive mixture. However, not content with that, they upped the ante by making their beroine, PC DCI, Jane Tennison (Helen Mirren), fall into bed with a junior black detective, DS Robert Oswalde (Colin Salmon), thereby storing up trouble for herself when, inevitably, he was drafted into her murder squad. And there was more suicide in custody, "exposure" in the tabloids, a deathbed confession, under age sex and violent pornography.

and her scriptwriter Allan Cubitt

Instead of the sense of dogged pursuit of a clever murderer, there was something almost hasty about how PS2 accommodated all its TELEVISION REVIEW: Tony Patrick watches

the detectives in Granada's Prime Suspect 2

twists, most given an extra spin by

PS1 worked because of the suspense of the plot, the grity realism of the settings and the superlative acting. Here we reveiled again in the banter and infighting of the murder squad (including Craig Fairbrass as the unreconstructed bigot, Di Frank Burkin), and the hauntingly conveyed ex-haustion that such investigations visit upon Tennison, but our reactions were more relaxed: she is an

Her bloodhound-featured boss, DS Kernan (John Benfield) was never quite enough of a chauvinist foil for Tennison to be a satisfying bad guy. Replacing Tom Bell's terminally bitter old-timer from PSI as the hate-figure was DCI Thorndike (Stephen Boxer), of the internal investigation unit MS15. He was given little with which to es-tablish himself until late in the proceedings, but the end left no doubt as to his deviousness, and set up Mirren nicely for Prime Suspect 3.

Salmon was superb as the cool. brave and tortured Oswalde, whose confusion as to his own identity and aims led him to a series of fatal

errors of judgment in dealing with his own prime suspect, Tony Allen (Fraser James, excellent). Allen's sister (Jenny Jules), mother (Claire Benedict) and father (George Harrist were also given beautifully judged performances. As David Harvey, first suspect and death-bed confessor. Tom Watson turned in a portrait of a wheezing, wasted small-time villain that left me, like Tennison, feeling soiled by contact with him. The love-hate relationship with his embittered sister (June

Waison) was perfectly drawn. Much less convincing was the real villain, Jason (Matt Bardock). Perhaps because his identity had to be kept from us for so long, there was not sufficient force to the revelations of his vicious line in pornography. Would even such a lowlife, when aware that discovery

was close, content himself with a crude attempt at silence-by-blackmail and then indulge in abusing another under-age girl?

As to his antics with a telephoto lens outside the Allen house and Tennison's flat, they were simply incredible. This also applies to the way no reporters appeared to be pursuing her or Oswalde after a tabloid had printed Jason's photographs of them on her doorstep, under the only too believable headline "Top cop's dark secret".

Mirren and Salmon held the piece together with fully rounded performances: she plagued by doubts and self-blame, but terrierlike in her perseverance; he, similarly torn between pride in himself and distaste for what he had to do. All credit to the technical crew and director John Strickland, for this second helping of what could become an annual cause for celebration. For all its faults, it was firstclass entertainment.

DANCE REVIEW: John Percival on a veteran Russian rebel who is performing a new role in Paris at the age of 67

Still stepping outside the limits aya Plisetskaya comes to

the centre of the stage. wreathes elaborate and intricate shapes with her arms, turns to either side, extends her feet in delicate nuances of elegance. Only a ballerina sure of her command over an audience could carry off such a performance. And that is just the curtain call for her new show in Paris, a ballet version of Giraudoux's play The Mad Woman of Chaillot

Plisetskaya has never accepted the normal limitations on a ballerina's life and work. At the Bolshoi Theatre she was always the rebel, one of a small group of stars who spoke up for reform. When interest-

ing roles were slow in coming, she made ballets for herself or brought in other choreographers to do so. She went abroad to work with Roland Petit and Maurice Bejart.

After defying Bolshoi politics and Soviet restrictions over the years. she has taken on a more formidable adversary - the years themselves. Not for her the ballet dancer's retirement age of 40-45. Pliset-skaya reached her 67th birthday while preparing her new role. though she could easily be taken for 15 years younger.

If only this work put more demands on her formidable talent. The impression that she could do more in the way of dance steps may in fact be an illusion, achieved by the command and accuracy with which she carries out what she is given. But I am sure that she could lay on the drama a lot thicker. Coming on as grande dame rather than wild woman (this bag lady carries the smartest of velvet holdalls), she commands the proceed-

ings, terrifying a mob of crooks with a glare, or with the slightest

hint of taking her furled umbrella

But Gigi Caciuleanu's choreography keeps her to a surprising reticence of gesture for most of the time. In fact he keeps most of the action very cool, except for one lively sequence for three other mad women who form a cabal with her. One waits for something as inventive for her, and it does not come.

Perhaps this coolness derives from Lily Denis, whose adaptation of the play leaves little visible narrative but imposes a long final ing. Nor does the score by Rodion Shchedrin, Plisetskaya's husband, help much: it only comes to life when imitating Mozart or Bach, and most of it is in a vague sub-Prokofiev harshness.

Luckily Plisetskaya herself rides blithely above all this; her calm selfassurance allows her to dominate stage and audience even with little help from the context, almost by her presence alone. The evening, conceived by Pierre Cardin and presented by him in the theatre that bears his name, becomes an act of homage by the smartest of Parisian audiences to an artist defying and transcending time.



## Nothing to lose but chagrin

s Constable guilty of a fearful gubu? (Gubu: Conor Cruise O'Brien's acronym for Charlie Haughey's characterisation of mishans, "grotesque, unbelievable, bizarre and unacceptable" which disfigured his adminis-trations.) Did Constable issue recently two books unterly different but with the same cover, author, price and title? You might think so. One was reviewed in the Times Literary Supplement by Gerald Kaufman, who found the book worthless. The other book landed up with John Vincent, benign possibly be? Vincent also calls Cosgrave professor of history at Bristol, who pronounced it "sharply argued.

spicy", and certain long to "inspire Two books? Or, more likely, one, seen through two startlingly different pairs of spectacles and assessed by two intellects powerful yet partisan? If so, Dr Cosgrave has good reason to be disappointed at least by Mr Kaufman, Why? First, because Kaufman is no unlettered pig, from whom only grunts could be expected. Secondly, because Cosgrave has taken elaborate pains

to be scrupulously fair. Vincent accuses Cosgrave of writing straightforward and useful political history, and so he does. Like me, you will probably learn much and be reminded of more by his pages, and find much there conveniently confirmed or denied. He also accuses him of inspiring lively debate. Maybe: I'm not so sure. He inspires rather in me

richly informed, judicious yet

Labour leaders may write off socialism but Colin Welch believes that the ideology will revive itself in the activism of busybodies

acquiescence, a confidence in his judgment natural and welcome in those who share his sensible and moderate views, a confidence more reluctant and rueful in the socialists caught up in the strange death he chronicles. He is too fond of such self-deprecatory phrases as "in my judgment". Unless otherwise specified, who else's judgment could it

'spicy". The spice is mild indeed, like curry at a prep school: no chilli, little scandal. He treats the motives of those he disagrees with, like the two Harolds and Heath, with invariable respect and friendlyinsight. His journalistic mentor, he tells us, was George Hutchinson, once Macmillan's courteous, helpful and truthful press officer. A fine example, well followed here. As for "lively debate": this may

among the cognoscenti centre on Cosgrave's shrewdly amiable character sketches, on his Tadpole and Taper aspects, on his assessments. of who was or was not during some crisis ill or soon fit, tired or despairing, fired by or lacking essential ambition - not perhaps over-lively. More fruitfully, debate may centre on the theme suggested by the book's title, which is adapted from George Dangerfield's Strange Death of Liberal England.

This ambiguous masterpiece of

THE STRANGE DEATH. OF SOCIALIST BRITAIN Post-War British Politics By Patrick Cosgrave Constable, £16.95 THE ESSENTIAL ANATOMY OF BRITAIN Democracy and Crisis

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motiveless irony has beguiled many and allegedly inspired (it is not obvious) Cosgrave. Dangerfield ig-nored, so far as I recollect, the extent to which the Liberalism whose death he chronicled had already ceased to be in any precise sense "liberal" — I use capitals and lower case to distinguish between the party and the philosophy. He also failed to note how liberalism did not all die but moved houses, finding new homes in the Tory party, in part of Mrs Thatcher's canacious bosom, even tenuously in

Britain truly dead? I wouldn't bet on it. At appropriate moments Cosgrave pops in dramatic references to Labour's mortal illnesses, to its death-throes, to the presumed inability of the natural party of government (as Wilson dubbed it)

Labour's basement.

ever to form again a government at all. Cosgrave's final sentence is a hilariously wild quotation from Neil Kinnock: "Socialism of course is dead and gone finished, passed, out of the window. Nobody believes in it any more. Nobody. Not in this country, not abroad. It is now a museum piece, nothing more. Time has passed it by." So that's that - or is it? Whoever before quoted Mr Kinnock as a profound political analyst?

The death of socialism, as of conservatism, has indeed often been pronounced or predicted. Yet the sentiments and social conditions which nourished it are, like the poor, always with us: poverty itself, relative if not absolute, inequality and the envious resentment it engenders; greed for power; a vast and influential public sector. a conviction that state action alone can prevent or cure all the ills that flesh is heir to.

So long as these sentiments and conditions flourish, socialism is never dead. It may have to find new homes, new rhetoric; it may have to change its name, its means if not its end. But it will still be alive, hoping to profit from Tory mistakes, not at esent rare or trivial, though abour is ill-placed to exploit them.

Cosgrave's book is narrowly pol-itical. Those dissatisfied with such an approach will turn with relief to Anthony Sampson, whose Essen-tial Anatomy is, like previous Anatomies, briskly all-embracing. All human or at least bureaucratic life is there, except oddly enough for the arts. Like previous Anatomies this one points to serious anatomical deformities "which require urgent attention, and which can only be put right by much greater public protest and involvement - which are not yet much in evidence". Sampson cites Rousseau, I fancy with agreement and regret, to the effect that only at election times do British electors wield any power to achieve change.

Shrewd socialists may discern here - indeed, have discerned vast new fields for their feverish activities. Perpetual change, contin-uous and restless public involvement, widespread or universal protest, the ideal society of articulate busybodies, of whom Sampson is one. For them, freedom is found only in perpetual "participation". in a sort of continuous election. Those who prefer to cultivate their own gardens will find themselves disfranchised, perhaps deprived of the freedom and leisure to dig. They may thus think Cosgrave's

narrow politics less oppressive.

I have not been wholly fair, 1 admit, to Sampson's book, which is easy to read and well worth reading. If its author is indeed, as Alan Clark recently suggested to Valerie Grove in this paper, "the archdeacon of the wanking classes", he certainly fills that high office

# of the poet-bore Wordsworth) is really very painful. The man will keep booming away about himself. This becomes most offensive when Lodge is demonstrating analogies between his writing and that of James Joyce or T. S. Eliot, heavily emphasising the correspondences of his own post-modern piddle-prankings to Ulysses or The Waste Land in an apparent attempt to bask in their reflected glory. Besides Lodge's familiar Jakobsonian droning about metaphor/meto-

droning about metaphor/metonymy, "inter-textuality" — the refer-ing of one text to another or others - emerges as one of the author's pet devices and desires. It is unfortunate that the juiclest article, has been cut. The piece viciously accused a hapless Mills & Boon writer of plagiarising Nice

Work, and recently forced a red-faced Lodge to make an out-ofcourt settlement and apologise publicly. All very foolish. In another section, on Nabokov and "Fancy Prose", Lodge declares that "the solden rule of fictional prose is that there are no rules". But it seems that, for him at such freedom does not stretch to the writers of Mills & Boon, however flattering their in-

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## Hard-boiled man of letters

for a bet. Somehow he pulls off the

feat, despite ending bloated and dizzy to the point of unconscious-

ness. I have just finished reading

the 50 sections of David Lodge's

The Art of Fiction, and am fast

developing all the symptoms of flu.

Self-pity aside, the causal connec-

tion seems obvious. Consume 50 of

anything too fast and, be they

boiled eggs or potted lit-criticisms.

To be fair, Lodge prefaces the offending tome with a health warning: "This is a book for people who prefer to take their Lit Crit in

small doses, a book to browse in.

and dip into." And the work started

life as a series of articles in the

Independent on Sunday to be

spread barmlessly over a half-ton of

leisurely egg-and-bacon sessions between 1991 and 1992. Each

section consists of a printed gobbet

of classic or modern fiction (campus

novels preferred) followed by a

tinkling meditation on the passage,

loosely related to a theme such as metafiction, narrative structure, or

coincidence. There are plenty of glinting insights, yet a whiff of breakfast journalism still hangs

over the work like the smell of burnt

toast. And three specific flaws

First, Lodge's tendency towards the egotistical sublime (a phrase used by Keats to describe the work

of the poet-bore Wordsworth) is

you get sick.

Michael Wright here is a scene in the film Cool Hand Luke when the THE ART OF FICTION hero, played by Paul Newman, attempts to eat 50 boiled eggs

By David Lodge

Seeker & Warburg, £14 99

Secondly, Lodge constantly over-

emphasises the old-fashioned dichotomy between writer and reader, rather than admining both as directly involved in the process of "creating" a text. Thus "Symme-ny. I believe matters more to writers of fiction than readers consciously perceive." That kind of half-baked assertion is especially inonic when Lodge, the man - as writer and reader, novelist and eritic - is himself a cypher for the indivisibility of the two processes. Elsewhere, he patronisingly observes: "Perhaps titles always mean more to authors than readers, who, as every writer knows, frequently forget or garble the names of books they claim to admire." Is Lodge then making one of his thighslapping literary jokes when elsewhere he refers to Marquez's famous novel as One Hundred Days of Solitude? Or is he unconsciously undermining the very dichotomy that he has been

adly. Lodge seems unwilling to take risks; to take the driver out of the bag and go for the big hit. His short, taut analyses never amount to more than meagre clumps of sketchy observation, with little or no attempt to synthesise his findings into confident conclusions. So, for example, a promising examination of the significance of proper names in fiction tails off in a limp discussion of the arbitrariness of language reflected in Paul Auster's City Of Glass: a cursory flit through the props cupboard of magic realism nosedives into a celebration of the cinematic quality of a scene from Milan Kundera; and a piece on "Sense of Place" turns out not to be about sense of place at all, but a paean to Martin Amis's gift for characterisation.

attempting to reinforce?

The Art of Fiction is pitch and putt lit crit. played over 50 holes, and "holes" (or, if we are being seriously post-structuralist, "aporia") is the operative word. It is what is left out rather than what is included that leaves the most potent impression. The books drips with the sense of an opportunity missed, and the gap between what is and what might have been hangs like a cloud over the text. Passing around a tray with 50 empty vol-au-vent cases at a cocktail party is far worse than not serving any canapés at all. Give me a boiled egg any



Anton Dolin as Satan in Vaughan Williams's ballet Job (1931)

## Transient glimpses of a master of English music

t would be a mistake to buy this book under the impression that it is packed just with photographs of the composer. Many of the pages are sepia backgrounds of Victorian, Edwardian or Georgian images upon which pictures of Vaughan Wil-liams, or those associated with him, are pasted. It is a little like having a Vaughan Williams' theme park in your armchair.

The book does tell the story of the composer's life simply and accurately, and will be a perfect adjunct to the heavier works on RVW for those enthusiasts wishing to have a visual record of his 86 years. It would also make an admirable introduction for a younger reader. If the captions are occasionally arch ("Ralph remembered his first sight of the grey and golden buildings rising beyond the salt marshes, the

Simon Heffer

**VAUGHAN WILLIAMS** A Life in Photographs By Jerrold Northrop Moore OUP, £25

steep streets, the mazes of halls and chapels with a ghost of incense seeming to linger in the darkness. : "), that is forgivable.

The very publication of the book RVW's reusic in the last decade, the rush by great conductors to record it, and the acknowledgement by critics that RVW is a towering rather than a middling, composer. Books such as this encourage

more people to go on the civilising voyage of discovery through the

Vaughan Williams did not have the foresight to ensure that he posed regularly for such photographers as would have made this book truly impressive. There is a little too much of the family album about it, and it hardly justifies a £25 price ag. The quality of some reproduc-

But there are some splendid snaps to be found that bring out the physical might and spiritual charm of RVW, both of which qualities can be detected in the scale and warmth of his music. Not least among them is the avaricular picture of him and his cat, which seems to sum up how very ordinary an Englishman this extraordinary man was.

#### The last chapter of our selection of Christmas books: from the clash of battles great and glorious, and the splash of prints of every kind and colour . . . The vigour with which defence publishers peddle their

wares (not to say wars) during Advent sums up the declining world market in peace and goodwill. Most of the battlefields this year are, mercifully, old ones.

With Eagles to Glory by John H. Gill (Greenhill, £30), describes Napoleon's 1809 campaign, culminating in his victory over the Austrians at Wagram. The author, a US army major, concentrates on the role of the emperor's German troops. By this time in the Napoleonic Wars, barely half of his grande armée were ethnic Frenchmen. The others were largely drawn from central Germany whose and Prussia, had turned to Bonaparte for their protection.

Their performance in the field varied considerably. Those who were good were very, very good, while those who were not sound horrid. The emperor never liked to admit that any Germans were the equal of his own blue-coats. Wagram left him looking impregnable in Europe and his German allies shared the glory of serving beneath

the imperial eagle. But the nationalism which had inspired his cause was being disseminated by these soldiers, later to sprout elsewhere and turn against him. This is hardly a broad brush approach to military history, but Major Gill's meticulous research, illustrated with 50 maps, has been turned into a well-sustained

Napoleon once said: "For the sake of history I should have died at Waterloo. . . " Au contraire, according to Somerset de Chair, editor of Napoleon on Napoleon (Cassell. £20). By keeping him alive on St Helena, the British did historians a service. With 50 servants, the emperor had little to do but write his memoirs, dictating to his entourage of generals and their wives.

Whether he made the best use of his time there is debatable. If Napoleon on Napoleon is anything to go by, his output was less than outstanding. Still, Somerset de Chair has made the most of it. This autobiographical edition has been attractively packaged with lots of photographs and does contain some fascinating insights. Napo-

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#### MILITARY Henry Stanhope

leon clearly thought Waterloo an even damned nearer run thing than did Wellington. The Iron Duke did everything wrong and his men should have been swept from the field, but were saved by a storm and the blundering French marshals. But the British infantry come

Robin Neillands's The Wars of the Roses (Cassell, £15.99) is an accessible, compact account of the vicious fighting which diverted England for some 30 years in the 15th century. This began amid deep national discontent after the British had been beaten by the French at the battle of Castillon. Our schoolchildren learn of Poitiers, Crécy and Agincourt; but Castillon is rarely mentioned.

The origins are more deeply buried, in the overthrow of Richard II by Henry Bolingbroke. Bolingbroke, who became Henry IV, was the son of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster and third son of Edward III. Yorkist descendants of Edward's second son considered their claim more legitimate. Henrys IV and V were strong enough to resist them; Henry VI after Castillon was not. Readers might at times long for a computer. But that is the fault of the Illustration was not believed. of the Plantaganets, not Neillands, and it is a good winter's tale.

So is Robert Hardy's Longbow (Patrick Stephens, £20). The actor, better known for playing Churchill and a Yorkshire vet on television, is also an authoritative toxopholite. A trustee of the Royal Armouries, he advised on the weapons found on the Mary Rose. A chapter about Henry VIII's flagship is among the new features in this third edition of Hardy's book, first published in

A brief word on the Guinness Three: The Guinness Book of Decisive Battles by Geoffrey Regan (Guinness £17.95); The Guinness Encyclopaedia of Wea-ponry by Ian Hogg (Guinness £19.95); The Guinness Book of Military Anecdotes by Geoffrey Regan (Guinness £14.99). Decisive Battles contains 50 of these, thoughtfully selected, well illustrated and described, and could fuel a cross-turkey debate. Weaponry is comprehensive, informative and nicely designed, though it seems more of an illustrated history than an encyclopaedia. The Book of Military Anecdotes is rather like a bag of dolly mixtures — tempting to dip into but unsatisfying.





Through two lenses, darkly: Philip Glass (left) by Karsh — an important personage — and (right), with Robert Wilson, by Mapplethorpe — an image of conflict

t is clear from these books that photography is not merely an art, but may be regarded as coming closer to the original creative impulse than any other. Instead of having to work through a recalcitrant medium like paint or clay or stone, the imagination has in photographic technology a means of expression which is immediate, and increasingly responsive. As Robert Mapplethorpe, Mary Ellen Mark, Yousuf Karsh, et al demonstrate in their different ways, what the camera records is

scene in front of it. The most telling illustration comes from comparing the portraits of the composer Philip Glass. taken by Karsh and Mapplethorpe and reproduced in respectively, Karsh: American Legends (Little, Brown, £32.50) and Mapplethorpe (Jonathan Cape, £60). To Karsh he appears as an important personage with calm and serious face cupped in sensitive hand seen against a musical score. Mapplethorpe's picture is one of conflict, from the entwined fingers, twisted

the mind behind it rather than the

#### PHOTOGRAPHY Marie-Louise Avery

arms and crossed legs to the expression - furrowed and impatient. One is poster photography, showing public image without a hint of a private being within - the epitome of art pompier - while the other catches a character through his outward appearance with wit and sensitivity.

It was Mapplethorpe's artistry that brought down the lightning strike of notoriety after his death from Aids in 1989. A publicly funded exhibition including his pictures of sado-masochistic homosexuality was denounced as pornographic and cancelled. This retrospective album shows both why he deserved an exhibition, and why his critics felt it should be cancelled. His portraits are beautiful, strikingly composed with an empathy which brings the viewer within tactile distance of the

On the other hand, I find his fetishistic pictures of tortured penises, violated anuses and leather contorted faces totally alienating. It is, however, evident that he himself was powerfully attracted by the menace and the pain and although he cannot convey that attraction to me, he creates an unmistakable sense of its power. In making that connection, he achieves even here the artist's aim, to enlighten the understanding of his or her

The margins of society are where Mary Ellen Mark also operates, and she too can make one feel that nothing human is alien. Her portraits of the "unfamous", collected in Mary Ellen Mark: 25 years. edited by Marianne Fulton (Little, Brown, £22.50), lead into places where most people would probably not otherwise go, to see things usually unseen in comfortable daily lives. Mark's use of short lenses and acute angles brings her subjects startingly close and in our face to face confrontations with them we perhaps understand more of their

Diane Arbus also used wide lenses and the flexibility of black and white photography in natural light to make her images immediate, but Diane Arbus: Magazine Work, edited by Doon Arbus and Marvin Israel (Bloomsbury £16.99), gives some sense of the constraints and stimulus of working to a brief.

She managed the telling of the given story with such truthfulness to her own vision that browsing through the book we can perceive her particular style in subjects as diverse as her close-up portrait of Germaine Greer, her studies of poverty in South Carolina or even her children's fashion shots for Harper's Bazaar. Coolly we gaze her subject in the eye, observing, not meeting.

A collection unapologetically concerned with outward forms is Dancers (Little, Brown, £49.50). These photographs by Philip Trager celebrate the human form in the self-conscious postures of the dance. Trager has brought his background as a photographer of buildings to his subject to create

"photographs of dancers in a landscape" and the combination of energy and stillness generates images of great beauty and excitement.

By far my favourite among these books is On the Edge: Images from 100 years of Vogue (Ebury Press, £30). Because fashion is Vogue's life blood, and because there is no more sensitive barometer of social values than the ephemera of fashion - in faces and postures as much as in clothes - this collection of photographs by the likes of Irving Penn, Richard Avedon and Bruce Weber is a superb history of 20th-century Western society,

But above all - in the way that Erwin Blumenfeld, for example, photographs an estrich-feathered hat or Irving Penn sees Colette in wrinkled old age - it represents a triumph of the artist's eye.

> In this Saturday's Review: Norman Stone on George Orwell: and Victoria Glendinning on fairy-tales

# Living a despair of one's own

Who's afraid of Virginia Woolf? Caroline Moorehead thinks biographers should be

LEONARD AND

VIRGINIA WOOLF

A Literary Partnership

By Peter F. Alexander Harvester Wheatsheaf, £19.95

PAPER DARTS

The Illustrated Letters

of Virginia Woolf

Selected by Frances

Spalding Collins & Brown, £8.99

n 1911 Virginia Woolf wrote to her sister Vanessa: "I could not write, and all the devils To be 29 and unmarried — to be a To be 29 and unmarried — to be a failure — childless — insane too, no writer." While other biographers have attributed her madness to the tensions of writing. Peter Alexander lays the blame for them squarely at the feet of Leonard Woolf who, despite the conflicting verdicts of five separate specialists, decreed that she should have no children. The fury with which she children. The fury with which she wrote, he believes, became a substi-

tute, and the resulting tensions pushed her into madness. Nor was his decision. Alexander sug-gests, a wholly altruistic one: Leonard Woolf considered a baby "much less attractive and more savage than a puppy. kitten or leopard". It is easy to

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see this as a remark made in jest; here it is taken at face value.

Alexander's black-and-white view of the causes of Virginia Woolf's breakdowns is not his only area of certainty. From the opening page of his biography, he is quick to state his position. While the Woolfs have been admired by many people, Alexander is not among their fans. Not only does he consider Virginia Woolf's writing greatly overrated: so, he maintains. is the rest of Bloomsbury, not one of whose members was ever of the first importance. What was more, to link these people together is foolish, because they neither shared the same views, nor liked one another. His is what he calls an "anti-Bloomsbury portrait, intended to restore the "perception of Leonard and Virginia Woolf to a more realistic level" and to chart their influence over one another.

Reality, for Alexander, is that Virginia was anti-Semitic, tactless

reactionary, and so insecure that she "seemed always to be looking over her shoulder to see if Clive and Vanessa would scorn the shade of green she had chosen for her living room". Leonard was tough, intolerant and cowardly, lying his way into a pacifist's exemption in the first world war, in order not to "die in the trenches". Even his dog is "capable of killing almost anything smaller than himself".

Furthermore, their apparently close relationship is suspect, for while he married her for her social standing and money, she turned to

> was desperate to marry, despite finding his famlly boring and vulgar, and his "Jewish voice and Jewish laugh" unap-pealing. Early in his introduction. Alexander explains that as a biographer, he follows the words

of A. O. J.Cock-

him because she

shut: "Books written by authors who were uncertain of what they really think of their subject, or afraid to say, are quickly forgotten." You could add that biographies written out of malice or dislike make uneasy reading.

Alexander is however, a lively writer and his portraits of both Leonard and Virginia, if often unduly harsh, are provoking. There is a first glimpse of the young Virginia, with her caustic wit and longing for fun, laid low by losing her mother, her half sister, and then her much loved brother Thoby, blows she once described as from "an enemy hidden behind the cotton wool of daily life". Leonard, as a young man, is seen as out of sorts with his family, losing his faith at Cambridge and finding G. E. Moore's Principia Ethica to put in its place, and seeing himself "cleanser of Augean stables".

When these two anxious people - both revolted by sex - come to the point of cruelty, elitist and together. Alexander ladles out his . And yet, after a hundred sharp



Sir Leslie Stephen and his daughter Virginia, taken just before his death in 1904, which led shortly afterwards to her first serious breakdown

distaste impartially. Leonard, he claims, was quite right to abandon fiction, which he was no good at. while Virginia's novels contain scenes that become "vaporous" with details so laboured that they take on a "nightmarish intensity". Reality in fiction is crucial. "All aesthetic judgments, all use of the imagination, are dependent on a secure grounding in reality." Virginia was no cook, so is thus not entitled to dwell on a dish of sole and cream; no seamstress, so should not consider a heroine feeling peaceful as she stitches.

Where evidence is lacking, Alexander turns to conjecture. Virginia "must have" been revolted by Strachey's erotic poems and "taken aback" by the variety of his sexual partners. His determination to deflate weakens an otherwise interesting portrait of a marriage.

pages. Alexander mellows. The closing years of the Woolf's life together is told almost with affec-tion. Possibly the most interesting passages in the book are those dealing with Virginia's writing, all day, every day, either at her desk or in her mind, reciting out loud dialogue that troubled her. Leonard once calculated that on an average day she slept eight hours and worked ten to twelve. What started out as a rebuke ends with a tribute. Virginia was not a great novelist, but she was, Alexander concedes, a great artist, who gave women a voice, and wrote a diary full of "brilliant little sketches capturing life as it flew by". This was "one of the most remarkable marriages in the history of English

literary partnerships". No one was a tougher critic of

failings with more intuition. As one of her heroines put it: "She had a perpetual sense of being out, out, far out to sea and alone: she always had the feeling that it was very, very dangerous to live even one day." It is with pleasure that a reader turns to Frances Spalding's Paper Darts, an edited and annoted collection of Virginia Woolf's letters, illustrated with paintings, photographs and woodcuts of Bloomsbury, by Bloomsbury — Duncan Grant, Vanessa Bell and others — among them an arresting photograph of Virginia with her father, two sor-

rowful and wary profiles.

If some find Virginia Woolf's fiction difficult, few quarrel with the opinion that her diary and letters are exceptional. It was the letters she wrote to family and friends about 4.000 survive - that best

Bulwarks to boulevards

without often glimpsing the whole.

Take boundaries, for instance.

Medieval city walls almost every-

where give way to urban expan-sion. Physically, they are dismantled, yet the boundaries they

sions of life, its disasters and imperfections, and her exceptional eye for the revealing details in people's characters. Virginia Woolf set great store by letters: they should be a "film of wax pressed close to the graving in the mind". In this selection, she comes across

as affectionate and curious, even if. on occasion, brutal, as with her description of Ottoline Morrell as a "ship with its sails rat-eaten, and its masts mouldy, and green sea serpents on the decks". While Alexander's book is a look at the dark underside of Bloomsbury life. Frances Spalding restores the es-sential humour of both Woolfs, as well as the lightness of their touch.

To the Lighthouse, edited by Susan Dick, the latest volume in the Shakespeare Head Edition of Virherself than Virginia Woolf, and no display her singular talent for ginia Woolf's works, has just been one described her terrors and pinning down the fleeting confu-

is, essentially, a history of European city-parts illuminated by interna-

tional comparisons. But there are

points where the history of specific

forms does jump around the globe,

## Children in search of truth

Frances Hill

ARMS AND THE GIRL By Stevie Davies Women's Press, £1 1.99/£6,99pb/

anuary Cahill, in Arms and the Girl, was named for the month she was born in. All too aptly, since she is fated to live in the coldness and harshness of the lowest level of an underclass family. Physically abused by her father from the age of three, unloved by anyone but her ineffectual sister Prue, she lives by a creed of absolute cynicism. She hates, she destroys. But she has an independence, determination and strength that make her more than a victim. This character bears the symbolic weight Stevie Davies gives it by linking January with Jesus Christ.

Arms and the Girl is Stevle Davies's third novel. Her greatest strength - besides powerful writing, fine character drawing and splendid story-telling — is honesty. The Cahill family is anatomised with a brilliance of detail and unflinching recognition of horror that gives it utter conviction.

It is because January is the neediest child, looked after as a baby by the narcissistic eldest son, that she is singled out by the loutish NCO father to bear the brunt of his rage. He sees in her the unloved, unlovable child he hates in himself. His character is masterly in its sporadic charm, self-pity, weakness, loneliness and evil.

iving close to the Cahills in the remote Scottish village they are posted to when the narrative begins, in the late 1950s, are the Gordons: a Church of Scotland rector, his highly intelligent, conscientious wife and similar daughter. The Protestant 13-year-old Isabel befriends the Catholic Prue Cahill, whose instinctive response to deprivation is to try to escape into another identity, that of an intellectually aspiring Scot.

She would ideally like to be Isabel. But Isabel has the emotional security bequeathed by her upbringing to follow the search for knowledge to painful truth. She dares to question Britain's right to rule in those countries the army families have been posted to: she dares to tell her Calvinistic father she does not believe in God. Prue resorts, as life at home descends into hell, to seeing visions of the Virgin Mary. Her love of books becomes a mere search for solace.

Throughout this novel Stevie Davies demonstrates the symbiotic relationship of evil and the denial of truth and reality. Hugh Cahill finds dangerous comfort in his church's offering of forgiveness through self-deceiving confession. Mary Cahill does infinite damage by blinding herself to his sexual abuse of their children. Even the well-meaning doctor who treats Mrs Gordon for cancer harms her by dishonest reassurance.

January and Isabel are the truthseekers. One is destroyed by her inability to blind herself so as to avoid intolerable pain; the other, born luckier, achieves an existence of purpose and integrity. Both, equally, are heroines.

#### ... to companions on country walks and guides to salerooms

here is something unsavoury about antique price guides. They give new resonance to Oscar Wilde's maxim about the cynic who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing. Yet with the antiques market in recession, these books are booming, packed with their often fuzzy postage-stamp-sized photographs and salacious information on what they fetched. Presumably the publishers hope that the public, re-strained by lack of cash, will comfort themselves with some arm-

chair shopping.
First comes the The Lyle Official Review: Antiques Price Guide 1993 by Tony Curtis (Lyle Publications, £16.95). Five years ago his introduction was a breathless frolic through endless categories on the up and up. Now the text is more subdued, as Curtis breaks the news to us that categories such as erotica have been badly hit, while early English pottery is "very cautious" because of a scandal concerning fakes. Tony, however, is happy enough with a Lovejoy-like discov-

here was much more to

ishable creations might suggest. In

later life, she evolved into Mrs Heelis, a robust and tweedy figure

who was a power in the world of

Lakeland sheep farming. But in

her pre-Peter Rabbit years, she was

a shy, observant young woman in

Kensington with a passionate inter-

est in natural history; and it was to

this interest that she first devoted

sional scientist and biologist -

which is what she undoubtedly

would have been had she lived in a

later age," according to the mycolo-

gist W. P. K. Findlay. The Victori-

an scientific establishment was

exclusively male, and pompously

refused to take seriously a female

with pretensions to knowledge: so

Potter's researches into fungi, al-

though impressive, were snubbed

or patronised at the Natural Hist-

ory Museum and at Kew. When

she presented a learned paper to

the Linnean Society it had to be

read for her by a man; as a woman

she was not even allowed to be

present. The assembled scientists

paid little attention. Disappoint-

ments of this kind led her to move

on to other things. Hence, to the general benefit, Peter Rabbit et al.

Jay, Mary Noble and Anne Steven-

son Hobbs (Warne, £25) tells the

story. More important, it repro-

duces many of the exquisite

drawings she made in her studies.

A Victorian Naturalist by Eileen

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## ANTIQUES

Sarah Jane Checkland

ery: "two of the oldest pieces of golfing eine film in existence". One, of a match at the Murrayfield Golf Club in 1904, he sold back to the dub for a cool £11,000.

More informative is the Miller's Antiques Price Guide edited by Judith and Martin Miller (Miller's Publications, £19.99), which supplies more detailed assessments of given markets, while occasional panels explain what esoteric items such as Posset pots actually are.

Both guides run to 800 pages. A spot check on stands with open shelves revealed more examples in Miller's but higher prices in Lyles, although both use well-known auction houses as their source.

Lyle also produces a Paintings Price Guide. (£16.95), while Miller's have a Picture Price Guide (£19.99) on the same lines. Such guides fail to point out that if you cannot find a buyer, you cannot sell. Better, perhaps, is the 170-page Which? Guide to buying Antiques (Hodder & Stoughton, £12.99), which states that collecting is about "buying things to enjoy. with the added comfort that they are likely to benefit your pocket in the long run".

As well as useful tips on buying from dealers as opposed to auctioncers and chapters on how furniture is made, the book sensibly provides a range of prices for a given category of object.

For my money I prefer the pocket-sized Antiques Fact Files (Miller's, £8.99), which are full of expertise on a specific category such as furniture or art nouveau. In Dolls and Teddy Bears, a title just published, you can ask these questions of your subject. "Does it have a roguish facial expression? Is the mouth closed, perhaps in a 'water-meion' smile?" If the answer is yes, you have a Googly-eyed doll invented by the American illustrator Grace Gebbie Drayton around 1910, and you can rejoice. aged merchanis to concen-

COUNTRYSIDE

J.W.M. Thompson



"Of all hopeless things to draw, I should think the very worst is a fine fat fungus," she complained, but her work is not only scientifically exact but usually beautiful as well. The drawings are from the Armitt Library in the Lake District, to which Potter presented them not long before her death.

She died during the last war. Soon afterwards, in the bleak and restrictive post-war years, there appeared Ian Niall's The Poacher's Handbook, and it was an instant best-seller. Like the Potter work, it is full of closely-observed details of the life of the countryside. but in an altogether different vein; it collected the hereditary wisdom of the ancient country fraternity of poachers, the villagers who set out by night to outwit the local

The book was at once recognised as a classic of its kind, partly perhaps because its gently subver-sive tone matched a popular mood.

nostalgia, since not much of the rural life depicted still survives. This welcome reissue (White Lion Books, £14.95) after 42 years contains the fine wood engravings by Barbara Greg which graced the original but were dropped later. Geoffrey Young's Watching Wildlife (George Philip, £14.99) is equally learned, but instead of poetry and dry humour it offers brisk information: a guide to the principal kinds of habitat in Great Britain - woodland, moorland

It now has the added flavour of

and so on - and the animal and plant life to be found there. A useful comparison for people who like exploring the countryside, and there are stylish illustrations by Elaine Franks. The same artist has Illustrated West Country Wildlife, in which Kelvin Boot offered a naturalist's reflections through the seasons. John F. Burton does the same in Downland Wildlife. These are books (both published by George Philip at £16.99) to be read by the fire rather than to carry on expeditions, but they list nature reserves and areas of interest.

Endangered Birds (Philip, £19.99) tells us there are 9,000 species of bird in the world and the long-term-survival of more than 1,000 of them is causing concern. James Ferguson-Lees, a distinguished omithologist, and Emma faull, a talented artist, have produced a beautiful book about all the species at risk - beautiful, but melancholy. Beatrix Potter or Ian Niall are safer bets for Santa Claus. I ities really are like bodies. Peter Mandler.

but not in the way we used to imagine. A naive under-standing of evolution assumed that THE CITY ASSEMBLED The Elements of Urban bodies adapted directly to changes Form Through History in the environment, and an equally naive understanding of cities read By Spiro Kostof changes in urban form as more-or-Thames & Hudson, £28 less direct responses to changes in function — skyscrapers spring up when cities reach a certain level of sweeping generalisation. We see the parts shifting shape over time commercial intensity. In our post-

tion, either in bodies or in cities. instead, we are increasingly attentive to history. The patterns of the past impose lasting constraints on present and future development: features of the past are not erased when their purposes pass, and new feaones in order to serve new functions. High-rise business districts emerged in America, where other factors encour-

modern world, we are no longer so

confident that form follows func-

trate centrally, but not in history-laden Europe. No scholar of urbanism was more sensitive to the presence of the past than Spiro Kostof, the professor of architectural history at Berkeley, whose career was sadly abbreviated last year by a fatal cancer. He was just able, in his waning months, to complete the second of two great volumes on the evolu-

tion of urban form that will serve as his monument. The first, The City Shaped, covered urban morphology, the distinctive patterns that recur in cities across the ages and the continents: grids, diagrams and "grand manner" designs. Now, in The City Assembled, he has tackled urban anatomy. the body-parts out of which all these patterns are made: centres and periphenes, walls and gates, parks

and squares. In both volumes, an immense variety of shapes and forms are collected from cities in all parts of the globe and all stages of civilisation: they are patiently sorted, sifted, classified and compared. In taking this approach it is terribly difficult to keep history in the picture how can you avoid idealising the forms, lifting them from their unique social and political contexts which (the historian believes) alone give them meaning? It is like dismanding a jigsaw puzzle and then reconstructing it in

the mind's eye, one piece at a time.

In The City Assembled, Kostol

turns the trick by giving us a series

of micro-histories and avoiding

View from the author's window, taken from Town and Country, a new volume of essays by Mark Girouard (Yale, £25)

marked do not disappear. In their place stands a new kind of girdle: a ring-road, perhaps, or a public promenade. Bulwarks metamorphose into boulevards. Similarly with public buildings: functions change, but the form is harder to shift. The palais royal

may be levelled by revolution, but on the same site the palais de justice rises. The bishop's palace is secularised as the town hall (or, in medieval Italy, vice versa, as the bishops laid claim to relics of the Roman state). The Louvre and the Kremlin — or. for that matter, the Palace of Westminster — survive successive changes of regime. In some Iberian cities, the Roman forum is appropriated first for a Visigothic basilica, then for the court of a mosque, then for a Christian placeta or little square. Again, etymology is telling: "Dar Khoura", the court of the khan at Aleppo, echoes the name of the Hellenistic agora it occupied.

As the above examples indicate, it is not possible for Kostof to tell all the histories of all the parts of the world's cities. The City Assembled

and here Kostof's erudition becomes splendidly useful. He can show us, for instance, a direct link between the courtyard of the North African mosque and the atrio separating the New World church from its public square. Or, reversing the East-West flow, Baron Haussmann's clearances and "grand manner" improvements in mid-19th century Paris have hit the Islamic world in successive waves. the Baron personally persuaded the Khedive Ismail to remake Cairo in the 1860s, his exam-

ple was then followed by Nasr-ed-Din Shah in Teheran in the 1870s, and again a half-century later by Reza Shah in Islahan, Mashhad and Yazd. It is only when discussing such "improvements" that Kostol's tone becomes per-

sonal and aggrieved. He is clear in his own mind that the persistence of spaces and places is wholesome, that the gradual shape-shifting he lowingly documents around the globe is the "urban truth". His villains are, therefore, planners in the grand manner, from Haussmann to Le Corbusier, who would impose sterile artificiality on this living thing. Renaissance and

Baroque planners are forgiven because on the whole they left old centres intact. Things started to go wrong with Napoleon.

But Kostof is not a dogmatic antiplanner. He praises the Corso Vittorio Emanuele, cut through Rome in the 1880s, for achieving novel effects while respecting existing roads and squares. He has warm words for designers like Rob and Leon Krier who want to plan with rather than against the grain of the traditional city. What terrifies him is the vision of the city stripped of urbanity, a city where millions of

people live separate lives. Whenever this modern city rears its head. Kostof tends to shy away. He cannot accept that the modern city could be part of "urban truth." A defect in Kostof's history, this was surely a strength in the man. Others would do well to attend to the lessons - even those enforced with special pleading - contained in this wise and beautiful book.

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## Lewis aims to duck meeting Tucker in his first defence



FOR the first time in his career, Lennox Lewis dropped his guard yesterday and left himself open to knockout blow. As the first Briton to win the world boxing hip without striking a blow, he is in danger of also becoming the first to lose it without throwing a punch. Speaking on a Sky satellite link-

up from Jamaica, where he is on boliday, he said he would not defend first against Tony Tucker, the world No. 1, the mandatory challenger and Don King's man, as ordered by Jose Sulaiman, the president of the World Boxing Council (WBC). Lewis said: "As champion, I get to say who I want to challenge. Sulaiman can't tell

Lewis's list was Alex Stewart, then Tucker and Frank Bruno third. Lewis's manager, Frank Maloncy, said: "Lennoz Lewis is WBC champion and we decide

Sulaiman. I have spoken to his lawyer, who said we would be allowed a voluntary defence. We've got signed letters." However, after Maloney re-ceived those letters some time ago, Suliaman, who has been under pressure from his friend King to see that the mandatory defence rule is observed, said on Tuesday that Lewis would be

required to meet the No. 1 con-

tender. Tucker was installed as

who we fight. I have not spoken to

Srikumar Sen feels Britain's heavyweight champion has left himself wide open for a knockout blow

third year in which the heavy-weight title has not had a mandatory defence. I'm sure Lennox Lewis is willing to prove he is not like Riddick Bowe. Lemox must defend against Tony Tucker first, otherwise it would not have been

ight to strip Bowe."
All of which makes it absolu clear that Lewis must take Tucke first. It is difficult to understand why Lewis, who has never ducked career and reached all his title oals one by one, is now heading

Apart from saying that as champion he can do as he pleases, Lewis gave no valid reason for wanting to avoid Tucker, especialas the former International ing Federation champion is well past his best and Lewis knows he can beat him as ea Stewart or Bruno. Lewis said: "I'd prefer to fight him in London, but it doesn't really matter if it's in America. I'm going to knock him

out anyway."

Lewis, who was speaking from the golf club in Montego Bay

Lewis, who was sailing in Freeport when the news reached Jamaica that Bowe had been stripped of the title and he had been made champion, said: "We opened a bottle and drank it. I'm rite happy, but sorry that Riddick Bowe took away some of my glory. It means a lot to me. I've one belt and I'm going after got one out a the other two.

People over here are very excited and can't wait for me to beat Riddicklous Bowe. He's not oing to make it easy for me. This matter is not over until I am the undisputed champion. I'm going to take the WBC belt he dumped

to his fights and he at ringside wherever he is. He's got no class. He showed that by putting his belt in the garbage and putting down past champions. I'm going to fight him for the IBF and WBA

belts when he stops running Lewis said he would be return ing home in the first week of uary and building up for his first defence in March Adrian Dodson, of London, is to make his professional debut as a light-middleweight at Madison

Square Garden on the undercard the request of the champion. They grew up together in Brooklyn. parting when Dodson moved to London with his parents after ten

GOLF

## Faldo confident of claiming spoils in world championship

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS **GOLF CORRESPONDENT** IN MONTEGO BAY

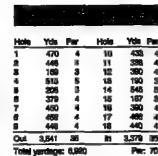
NICK Faldo is determined to bring the curtain down on the finest year of his career by winning the Johnnie Walker world championship, which starts on the Tryall course here

today. Faldo's performance in 1992 of winning five tournaments, including the Open Championship, is a rare one, but he believes it could have been better. His frustration stems from failing to win

outside of Europe. Even so, Faldo has commanded the stage in such an authoritative manner that the leading American golfers, Fred Couples, the defending champion here, and Davis Love III acknowledge that he is thebest golfer in the world

today.
Faldo is the favourite every time he tees up, but he regards it as a medal of honour rather than a millstone around his "It goes with the position," he said, "but, to be honest, it never crosses my mind unless someone talks

His prospects of winning are always improved when the course is exacting. Tryall has the Caribbean to enhance its beauty, but the beast of a wind to protect it from the best golfers in the world. The organisers have clipped the course's wings, cutting back the rough, but neither Faldo nor his rivals are foolish enought to see it as an early Christmas present.



"It is still going to be tough hitting the ball out of the semirough and stopping it on the greens," Faldo said. "The course will play fairly similarly to last year, which is fine by me. I want it to get tough and I want the wind to blow. The greens will be fast, very

Faldo is oczing with confi dence, which cannot be said of Severiano Ballesteros. The Spaniard has not played since he lost to Jeff Shuman in the World Match Play Champlonship in October. He has interrupted a prolonged holiday to play this week and his one concern would appear be not to embarrass him wif.

"My game right now? Unpredicatable!" Ballesteros said. "I'm not thinking about the future. I want only to play this tournament and then spend Christmas with my family."

Ballesteros has been work-

ing with David Leadbetter. best-known as Faldo's guru, on the practice range. He also sought Faldo's advice. Ballesteros is an inspirational player, and right now a hungry player, but his pros-pects of winning this week appear slight. Faldo is rated the 6-1 favourite with the bookmakers; Ballesteros is quoted at 28-1. Twelve months ago, the Spaniard was the favourite and Faldo was

was No. I in the world rankings when he arrived here last year. He, too, has lost his form and for the first time since 1981 he finished outside the top ten in the order of merit in Europe.

Faldo said of Woosnam in a recent interview in Golf World that "he is a bit one-dimensional on the draw. He always plays the draw. I think that's the thing that has probably

Nick's opinion and I don't regard it as a critism," he said. "Everybody has got a safe shot and that is mine because when you are playing badly you must have something you can rely on."

Woosnam does not believe he is playing well enough to claim the first prize of \$550,000 in what is the world's richest golf tournament. The total prize fund is \$2.7 milition. The field of 28 also includes

Colin Montgomerie, Sandy Lyle, Barry Lane, Mark Roe and Christy O'Connor Jr, although recent form would suggest that David Frost, of South Africa, and the Australians Greg Norman and Steve Elkington might have sound-



On the up: Paldo pitches out of a bunker against an impressive backdrop during a practice round yesterday

## Famous victory attracts little reward

By PATRICIA DAVIES

ONE moment of glory does not a schedule make, as Andrea Doyle, the executive director of the Women Professional Gotfers' European Tour (WPGET), discovered in compiling the list of events for next season, published today.

An exhilarating and much acclaimed victory over the United States in the Solheim inspired only a modest increase in the number of WPGET tournaments next year. In 1992, there was a schedule of 12 individual events; the initial list for 1993 contains 13 confirmed events

 — to be announced. Gains have been made, however, and there will be forays to Malaysia, Argentina, and, more importantly, Austria. The Slovenian Open. Cup earlier this year has moved from soggy October to a prime time in June, has nearly doubled its prize-

Long-standing sponsors such as Weetabix and Hennessy still provide for the elite events. a matchplay championship agreed, among other things, to sponsor the order of merit. Screensport has undertaken to provide two 30-minute spots for highlights of all tournaments. Doyle is encouraged and

progress, albeit slowly. 

#### RUGBY LEAGUE

## Davies to see out contract at Widnes

BY CHRISTOPHER LEVINE

JONATHAN Davies's disillusionment after nearly four years at Widnes will not prompt a return to Wales to coach rugby union, contrary to some reports. During talks with the club last night, he spelled out his intention to fulfil the remaining two years of his contract at Naughton

Jim Mills, the Widnes manager, said: "He insists there is no way he intends to return to Wales until his contract expires. We look forward to seeing him in a Widnes shirt on return from injury shortly after Christmas.

Mills admitted that there remained some problems. These related to Davies's discontent at Widnes's poor season so far and continued frustration at his injuries.

If Widnes should for any reason lose him, it would be to Wigan or Leeds rather than muchy union. The story vesterday linking Davies, 29, with a coaching position at Llanelli was a surprise both to himself and his former club, who dismissed the claim.

Ken Jones, the Llanelli secretary, said: "We have no knowledge of Jonathan returning to the club in any

Makolm Reilly's long term ambition to overhaul the world champions, Australia, is blinkered dash by clubs for

profit in ignoring an appeal by the Great Britain coach over the perils of an even more congested programme, the Rugby League Council has agreed a package that extends the season by three weeks to one of more than nine months of the year. It includes an additional four league games for sides in an expanded first

. Final approval is likely to be given at a meeting of the 35 professional clubs on January 6. This could make Reilly's position untenable. Without radical change sowards fewer games, like in Australia, Reilly fears the strides taken by the national side in recent years could be out into reverse.

His biggest objection is to the county cup competitions being held in August in order to bring in extra revenue, before a revised league format of two divisions of 16 and 19 clubs from next season.

A return by Reilly to chub coaching could appeal more than ever. His Great Britain contract has 16 months to run, but several top positions fall vacant at the end of this season, notably at St Helens and Wigan, whose coach, John Monie, confirmed yesterday that he is to take charge of the new Auckland ciub in New Zealand.

#### RUGBY UNION: WRU CUP SPONSOR AGREES TO MAKE DIRECT CONTRIBUTION INTO INTERNATIONALS' TRUST FUND

## Top Welsh players to benefit from £1 m deal

BY DAYED HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

RUGBY union's ability to defy the recession will benefit the game's leading players if the approach adopted by the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) is sustained. South Wales Electricity yesterday announced a sponsorship package with the WRU, backing the Welsh knockout competition but also including a direct contribution to the Welsh International Players' Trust.

The WRU has agreed the deal, worth £1 million over four years, for the Swalec Cup, the fourth round of which is played on Saturday. Of that sum, £910,000 goes to the union for distribution to the clubs in prize-money; £32,000 goes to the inter-county schools championships at under-16 and under-18 level;

FERAGHAN

The trust has also benefited

from sponsorship from Heineken and Volkswagen, with the union itself also contributing. Jonathan Price, the WRU commercial executive, estimates that national squad members could receive up to £2,000 each for promotional activities this season. That may seem small beer

compared with the figures trawled by rugby league, but the union believes that, combined with the overall sporting and social ambiance of the game, it creates an atmosphere the professional code cannot match. The WRU has still to hear from the International Rugby Football Board that their trust scheme has been approved, but believes the broad principles are not in dispute.

The Welsh believe, after meeting the other home unions last month and drawing up a common code of conduct on commercial activities, that they have become the market leaders. It is understood that the Scots are looking at a similar plan and, if Welsh aspirations are realised, their players will do markedly better than members of last season's England squad, who played in a World Cup final

and won a grand slam. The spin-off to the union and to the players will increase if we are successful," Price said yesterday. "A successful image attracts corporate support. What the players receive is not a donation but payments to carry out promotional duties. Companies like Swalec are keen to use our prominent players to support their involvement."

Price believes the WRU has Windermere and Fleetadopted the right approach by working closely with the players. "We have something which works positively and we have a degree of control," he

speaking at dinners may be rewarded, and also because the English players have formed their own company, with their own commercial advisers, as distinct from operating under the union's

The Welsh set-up differs from England's in that players Swalec's input this season is

an increase of £28,000 on last season, the final year of Schwepper's long-running sponsorship of the Welsh Cup. Over the course of the new agreement, their annual contribution will rise from £183,000 to £288,000 in

wood, the outstanding northern sides still in the competition, have been drawn against each other in the sixth round of the Provincial Insurance Cup on January 2 (Barry Trowbridge writes). Chipping

Sodbury, who lie second in Gloucester II, are at home to the team above them, Stowon-the-Wold, in the top southem fixture. Old Northamptonians will not know their opponents until Seghili play the winners of this weekend's replay between British Steel and Phoenix Park, on January 2. British Steel won 10-6 but must play again as they used ORIG-100-DRAIN PEPLATEMENTS.
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## Leicester coach offers Back his full support

TONY Russ yesterday made a spirited defence of rugby's smaller men (David Hands writes). After hearing that the England management would not be taking Neil Back to train with the national squad in Lanzarote in the new year, Russ, Leicester's director of coaching and not the tallest of men himself, described the decision as "appalling". Steve Ojomoh, the 6ft 2in Bath flanker, was preferred by the England selectors.

Back, the 5ft 10m Leicester flanker, will have the chance on Saturday to demonstrate the qualities which made him the outstanding success of England's B tour to New Zealand last summer. He comes head to head with another "small" flanker, Andy Robinson, when the Midthe decisive match in the ADT meet the French international flanker, Laurent Cabannes, when Leicester play the Barbarians.

"It's an appalling decision," Russ said. "The reasons given are spurious. He [Back] has done everything required of him and now he is not given the opportunity to show what he can do."

"No one has ever spoken to me about selection," Back said. Tisee my size as an advantage to me and the team. The No. 7's role is as a link between forwards and backs and to win possession on the floor and it would take a very agile bigger bloke to do

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(b) A costly rug made in Persia, usually of cotton, the Persian name from Ferghams, the name of a formerly Soviet region in Central Asia: "The best Feragham, usually small, are finely woven with a short pile. They have the Ghiordes knot, a cotton pile, and two lines of well. The colouring is soft, and evenly toned patterns like the herati are commun." CARDAN

(b) The carden joint is a universal joint, permitting free motion of the different parts of the mechanism, the eponym of Geronimo Cardeno, 1501-1576, Italian mathematicism: "The carden shaft, which connects the gear-box with the differential gear that works the driving wheel." JUKTA

(a) In southern India, a light two-wheeled vehicle drawn by a horse, from the Hindi jhatka a jerk, jolt or hurch, cf. rattletrap: "The jukta is the native cab of Madras, and of Mofussil towns in that Presidency; a conveyance only to be characterised by the epithet ranshackle."

(b) A beetle of the genus so named of the faunty Historidae of clavicoru coleoptera, from the Latin kister = kistrio an actor: "Cadet de Vaux, in his History of the Mole, observes that, almost as soon as it is dead, it is attacked by a number of Histors."

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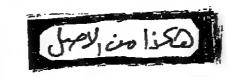
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In their report, the MPs stated: "After hearing and reading the evidence of Cus-

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## MPs lay blame at Customs for deepening VAT crisis

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

CUSTOMS and Excise was yesterday identified by MPs as the chief culprit in the longrunning VAT saga which threatens Britain's bloodstock

The Commons employment select committee rebuked the tax men for regarding racing as a "rich man's hobby" rather than a major source of employment and revenue - and criticised their negative ap-proach to dealing with the VAT crisis.

As expected, the all-party group of MPs proposed that racehorse owners should be allowed to register for VAT to offset the 17.5 per cent tax rate on bloodstock in Britain, compared to 2.7 per cent in Ireland and 5.5 per cent in France. Eight out of 12 EC countries already allow

registration. John Major, the prime min-ister, and Norman Lamont, the chancellor of the exchequer, are considering the reg-istration plan, and are thought exclusions and caveats in any much as a major source of scheme so as to make it employment and tax revenue, but rather as a rich man's David Gibson, president of hobby. Nothing could be furthe Thoroughbred Breeders' ther from the truth, as the numbers of jobs created by Association, echoed their concern after welcoming yester-

horse racing amply show." day's report. Despite promises The select committee and encouraging words from past and present Treasury ministers, Customs and Excise warned that unless action was taken to remedy the tax disad-vantage "the horse racing industry, in which the UK is a world leader, could go into rapid decline" with the loss of many thousands of jobs. alleys."
He added:"We hope that

If owners in France or other EC countries can be registered for VAT, "we see no reason why UK owners should not be similarly treated."

The racing industry was urged to help create the conditions for a reasonable tax regime to apply to owners — which could involve the payment of appearance fees to owners when entering a horse in a race.

The Customs and Excise must be much more understanding of and responsive to the needs of the industry. This involves refraining from making any scheme to extend VAT registration to owners too

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3.30 CHRISTMAS PUDDING NOVICES HURDLE (DIV IL: £1,626: 2m) (10 rumers)

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2.30 CHRIS THORNTON SILVER FOX HANDICAP CHASE

closely bound by rules which bear no relationship to the complex realities of the international market for horses," the MPs stressed.

Richard Spring, Conserva-tive MP for Bury St Edmunds who chaired the committee enquiry, said Customs and Excise should "be more constructive and more pro-active in the future."

Many of the 12,000 jobs in the breeding industry and the 30,000 jobs in racing would be under threat unless there was a modification in the VAT regime, Spring stated.
We have the best blood-

stock industry in the world. It is patently in decline. We believe that there are clear-cut remedies to resolve this. "If one talks about the witching hour, our view, given the dateline of January 1, is

midnight The consequences for loss of tax revenue and, particular-ly, job losses will be very substantial if something is not done and we will witness the tragic demise of a great, long-standing British industry."

that we are at five minutes to

## Double is ideal tonic for Holder

RICHARD Holder, critically ill for two months in Bristol's Southmead Hospital, was provided with the perfect ponic yesterday.

The Portbury-based trainer, finally showing improvement following brain surgery, dialled up the commentary from Exeter's meeting.

What he heard was better than any medicine. Two of the horses from his yard, 33-1 shot Beresfords Girl and 3-1 chance Charmed I'm Sure, both won to record a 135-1

Then, to top it all, Holder's doctor informed him he can spend Christmas day at home with his family.
Pat Murphy, Holder's son-

in-law, has temporarily taken over the licence and day-today running of the stable. He said: "It was feared Richard would never leave hospital. But he is making an amazing recovery and has even taken a few steps. This double will cheer him up as he

was responsible for buying ☐ Wincanton is to stage the first National Hunt auction race to be run in Britain on February 11. The novice hurdle is open to five, six and seven-year-old novices who have been sold at public auction and have not run on

MANDARIN

2.40 Kidla

12.40 Willie Sparkle.

1.10 River Pearl.

3.10 Bluff Knoll.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

1.40 Miner Jackson.

2.10 Danny Connors.

RICHARD EVANS: 2.40 Kidlew.

(£2,840: 2m 6f 110yd) (13 runners)

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## MICHAEL PHILLIPS

have a soft spot for Bit Of A Clown, my nap to win the Chris Thornton Memorial Silver Fox Handicap Chase there

today. Trained by Victoria McKie, Bit Of A Clown ran five times on the Northamptonshire track last season, winning three times and getting bearen only half-a-length in the other

In his only race there this term, he proved again that he was a force to be reckoned with by beating the favourite, Peajade, by three lengths in the care of Luke Harvey, his jockey again today. With Peajade then going on

to beat the useful Padaventure at Stratford, Bit Of A Clown's most recent form at Towcester stands up well under scrutiny. When last seen at Market Rasen nine days ago, he was still in contention when he

misjudged the eighteenth fence of the Lincolnshire National, and unseated his rider. Now that he is back again on his happy hunting ground, he looks capable of gaining a

that he clearly relishes. In order to win, though, Bit Of A Clown will need to be at his very best because Direct, from John Edwards's Rosson-Wye stable, enters the fray on a high, having shown the requisite stamina when winning over three-and-a-quarter

and the latest than the latest th

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 BLUFF KNOLL

12.40 M & G SECURETIES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,038: 2m 110yd) (13 runners)

THUNDERER

12.40 Sweet City. 1.10 Habton Whin.

1.40 Miner Jackson.

2.10 Denny Connors. 2.40 Westholme.

Novices' Chase, won last year

Talented Bit Of A Clown set

to top Towcester bill again

Chepstow 12 days ago.

always maintained that the

ground could not be too soft

for this useful seven-year-old.

who is now in the care of Guy

Alkinor Rex was probably asked the impossible at War-

wick last time when he unsuc-

cessfully attempted to give

10lb to Storm Alert, who is

unbeaten this season.

Harwood.

by that good horse Mutare, is headed by Dakyns Boy and Yaheeb, both winners last time out. Over hurdles, Yaheeb would miles in heavy ground at have beaten these rivals comfortably. Following a long injury-aggravated absence, he The going will also favour Alkinor Rex when he endeavours to win the Champagne Handicap Chase. Merrick Francis, his previous trainer. reappeared at Carlisle late last

The field for the Mistletoe

a glowing testament to the skill of his trainer, Mick Provided that he does not break down again in running. Yaheeb has the class to cope

month, when that victory was

with Dakyns Boy. Oliver Sherwood, without a winner since La Princesse scored on her seasonal debut four weeks ago, will be looking to the same filly to put his stable back on track by win-ning the Christmas Cracker Mares Novices' Hurdle, following a frustrating spell of

coughing in the yard.

At Kelso, Bluff Knoll and Whaat Fettle, who had the finish of the Mason Organisation Champion Chase, the richest race ever run there, to themselves last month, renew rivalry in the Charlie Young

Memorial Handicap Chase. The handicapper has allowed What Fettle a pound for a neck beating, so there should be little between them. However, Bluff Knoll's proven stamina could well prove the deciding factor again.

# consolation prize on going Harvey: reunited with

Bit Of A Clown

1.40 TWEEDDALE PRESS NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

## O FRIENDLY SOCIETY 9 (R Lamb) R Lamb 6-19-12\_\_\_ 7 O RESIDLY SOCIETY 9 (R Lamb) R Lamb 6-10-12 A Memigan 8 36/4 GRAZEMER 402 (Mrs M Ashby) R Earnchine 5-10-12 N Doughty 84 9 6-2 (DIOCK RAMK 17 (C Andreson) Mrs M Revelley 7-10-12 R Hookya 87 10 PO MALTARY ACTION 18 (W Wylle) J Charbon 4-10-12 L Wywr 11 PPP ROAD TO THE WER 12 (Mrs S Branell) Mrs S Blamall 5-10-12 J Burie (7) 12 DOD WEE MACGRESON 10 (Mrs Y Cunningtam-Lardine) L Lunge 4-10-12 F Permit (7) 13 5-3332P GELTIC SONIG 10 (Mrs R Jurines) W Reed 5-10-7 T Reed 14 DO PORTITIODICE 23 (B Mrs) Mrs M Reed 9-10-7 A Drivery 15 26253VI STARSHAW BELLE 61 (Mrs J Stealer) Mrs S Beachure 8-10-7 Mr J Brachome 16 SUPPENE BLUSSIER (A Office) W Kerny 5-10-7 J Lincet Best 10-1 Critics 16 SUPPENE BLUSSIER (A Office) W Kerny 5-10-7 J Lincet Best 10-1 Critics 17 Control of the state o BETTING: 9-4 Minor Jackson, 3-1 Cedific Roy, 4-1 Child Raider, 11-2 Ardhuss Bay, 7-1 Raock Rark, 10-1 Calic Sung, 16-1 Bury Boy, 20-1 Bae Din Boy, Portenociae, 25-1 chiers. 1991: FESTIVAL FANCY 4-10-0 B Hortos (20-1) Net G Reveley 18 cm

2.10 GLASSEDIN SECURITIES HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,934: 2m 6l 110yd) (3 runners) 1 Sept-F21 DAMEN CONNERS 20 (6.5) (J. McNicous) J. J. C'Holli B-12-0. 2 P4-S512 MIGHT GLEST D (CD.F.G.S) (J. Fredes) P. Morpath 10-10-7. 3 /P21/SP- SUPER FDUNTAM 317 (8) (Mar F Mallor) F Mallori S-10-0. Long handicay: Super Foundain 9-11, BETTING: 1-2 Danny Consors, 9-4 Hight Bunsi, 8-1 Super Foundain.

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3		ARAGON AVR 44F (W Montain) P Montain 4-10-12	
- 7	66	CARDEROEN 33 (A Perman) Mrs S Brackerne 4-10-12 P	
- 3		COLOUR COST 41 (D Sille) M Haramand 4-10-12	
- 1		HIGHLANDMAN 17 (Mrs H Fraser) J Haldwan 6-10-12	
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13		MISTY NICERT 17 (Maintenn) P Moralin 4-10-7	
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3.10 CHARLIE YOUNG MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE

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6	11136-02	SENERAL HARMONY 41 (3) (Mass & Jamoings) Mass & Jamoings 9-10-0 Mr 5 Walter (7)
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1991: MAZMOCR 5-10-7 Mr R Hale (4-1) A Butant 18 am

# 12.20 Absonal. 12.50 King Parrot. 1.20 No Sub-mission. 1.50 Thunderbird One. 2.20 Johnston's

(\$22,840; 27T bi 1 10/y0) (1.3 f.Billions)

1 01-4541 BREAK THE CHAMI 17 (CD.F.B.5) (Airs Bround) P Characterings 7-11-7 M
2 5050-1 CARGUESE CALMYSD 16 (E.S) (A Successariol) M Harmined 6-11-7
3 3-2121F HASTON WHILL 18 (BF.S) (C Stevers) M H Entorby 6-11-7
4 US-0046 BWHENMATE 9 (B.F.S) (C Stevers) M H Entorby 6-11-7
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DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST 12.20 CLIVE WISDOM CLAIMING STAKES

(Div I: £2,343: 1m) (9 runners) 5-2 Absonal, 3-1 Lock Keeper, 4-7 Associble, 11-2 Singlimer, 12-1 Angel Train. Nath Piper, 18-1 San Servicia, 20-1 olden.

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12	350	DEMOKOS 28J (C.O.F.S) A Stringer 7-8-4 Date Gibson 1 SWEET REVRVAL 7 (V) J Glover 4-8-4
11	3000	ATLANTIC WAY 20 COUNT C NO 4-6-6
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- 6	0065	TOUCH ASOVE 30 (F) T Barrier 6-9-2 V Halliday (7)
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5105	LONG LANE LADY 18J (S) J Mackit 6-8-7
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3	5210	CERL NEXT DOOR 2 (C) J Picketing 8-9 (5ex)
4	2413	MISTER BLAKE 2 (B.CO); W O'GOTTON 8-8
-		Emma O'Gorman
5	6065	SOLER, RAYON 15 T Berran 8-4
6	1900	CHRISTIAN SPERT B R Hannes 8-4 (5m) A Micking
7	0500	BROUGHTOKS FORMULA 19 W Musson 8-0 J Ctd
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3.20 HONA HERBERT MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,343: 6f) (11)

1 0368 AR COMMAND 17 (B) R Hanson B-0 R Perhate (2) 4
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4 8254 PLAY HEVER DOLD 1 9 7 Navigation 9-0 B Caster 10
5 003 RED ADMIRAL 14 P Hasbarn 9-0 Dain Siteon B
6 TELEPHONIC M Prescrib 9-0 C Restor B
7 0 ASHGROVE PLIM 15 B Alcabiron 8-3 W Ryan 3
8 ELSKA 206 W Janus 8-3 W Ryan 3
9 0 REPROMY SIME 24 66 Elden 8-9 C Dwyer 6
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#### Miinnehoma likely to run

MARTIN Pipe's chaser Minnehoma is 60 per cent likely to take his chance in Saturday's £30,000 SGB Handicap Chase at Ascot, the champion trainer said

After Peter Scudamore schooled the gelding at Wel-lington. Pipe said: "I was pleased with the horse, and at the moment the odds are 60-40 in favour of him running. But he is also in the Welsh National and the King George VI Chase."

Winner of the Sun Alliance Chase at the Cheitenham festival. Miinnehoma finished runner-up to Run For Free at Chepstow on his reappearance this season. Graham Bradley popped

his intended SGB partner, Romany King, over two fences yesterday, supervised by the horse's regular jockey, Richard Guest, who is out of action with a broken leg.

Cab On Target is doubtful for the Rovacabin Noel Novices' Chase at the same meeting. Mary Reveley's stable star is more likely to wait unitil. Boxing Day for the Tripleprint Feltham Novices' Chase at Kempton.



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toms and Excise, we are But bloodstock leaders fear regrettably driven to the con-Customs and Excise will atchision that the horse racing industry is not regarded so tempt to impose all kinds of MANDARIN THUNDERER 12.30 Sausalito Boy. 12.30 Sausalito Boy. 1.00 Dakyns Boy. 1.30 Days Of Thunder. Ling handicap: Greysby 9-12. BETTING: 10-11 Aldinor Rox, 5-2 Dr Rocket, 5-1 Magnus Pyrn, 6-1 Haylloox, 20-1 Greysby, Rocked Request. 1981: M & BABIC 6-10-4 & Baggan (4-1) Mas I Maste 8 ran 2.00 Alkingr Rex. 2.00 Alkinor Rex. 2.30 BIT OF A CLOWN (nap). 2.30 Bit Of A Clown 3.00 RIVE-JUMELLE (nap). ALYONOR REX 41 2nd of 7 to Storm Alert in 3 | (2m 110pd, celf), RADICAL RECUEST S46 6th of 9 interfaces of Warwick (2m, good in sell), to Western Counties in a transferap chase at Member MAGNUS PVM 131 4th of 6 to Northern Junes in a handlesp chase at Workstater on privalinate start inguitage chase at Workstater on privalinate start RICHARD EVANS: 1.00 DAKYNS BOY (nap). 2.30 Bit Of A Clown. Cra, soit). DR ROCKET 2951 2nd of 5 to Up-A-Point 'in a conditional lockeys' transleap chem at Chellenham GOING: SOFT, HEAVY PATCHES (7.30AM PRECAUTIONARY INSPECTION) SIS 12.30 CHRISTMAS PUDDING NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,826; 2m) (10 runners) / I: £1,826: 201) (1U TUITINGS)

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J Othorom - TESS TACTICS (Mar H Hayres) H Hayres 9-10-12

W Marston 5) - COOQUI- ROYAL FLAMINGO ST (Miss N Myborgh) B Breany 6-10-7

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BETTING: 13-8 Saucalific Boy, 7-2 Kenton, 5-1 Radar Knight, 8-1 Banjamin, Blanc Salag, 15-1 Sileposton, 13-1 Joven Top, 16-1 othics. 1991: TRIPLE WITCHING 5-11-4 M Plenta (6-1) May J Plents 18 can FORM FOCUS

KENTORI 11 2nd of 9 to Carrières in a novice bundle of Purropion on perufficance start (2m 4f, good). RADAR (NIGHT 161 3nd of 14 to Buccarroll in a maidtan hardle here on final start lest tenth (2m 8f, good). BLANC SENG 31 3nd of 11 to Archancade in a good to soil.

A novice hurdle over course and distance (cost). Selection: SAUSALITO BOY 121 3nd of 17 to Martin's Lamp in a novice hurdle over course and distance (cost).

1.00 mistletde novices chase (£3,392: 2m 6f) (14 runners) 4744-31 DAKYNS BOY 10 (S) (A Parker) N Technol Davies 7-17-7

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3 FRPPS-P BROMO 28 (M Montague) P Protected 7-11-0

4 CAPRISLAWN (rics 3 Loursoid) S Bailing 7-11-0

5 (A145' COWORS COTTAGE 707 (BF,S) (Dr D Chessey) Dr D Chessey B-11-1

6 RPPP44- FANILE 215 (F) (D MIN) D-8st 6-11-0

7 25010-P GLENGRIFTN 28 (D.S) (B Naylor) J Silbot 7-11-0

9 PY-0.005 LOOK LVPLY 15 (F,S) (The 30 Parmesship) J Gillerd 7-11-0

9 QYSS-S3 MARRADONG BROOK 28 (BF,F,S) (Lond Cadopre) T Poster 7-11-0

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## Whitakers make early impact for new team

By JENNY MACARTHUR

Next year, the Irish-bred

horse."

MICHAEL Whitaker brought swift reward to Everest, his new sponsors, when he and Monsanta won the Christmas Stocking Stakes on the opening day of the Olympia show jumping championships yest

Whitaker, who was giving the 18-year-old Monsanta his first outing since winning the Millstreet Derby in co. Cork six weeks ago, executed two. copybook turns before and after the double, sence six, to finish 0.36sec ahead of James

John Whitaker, who joined the Everest team with his. brother, Michael, only last week, finished third on his top speed horse, Everest Fonda. In deference to his grand-

age, Monsanta, the winner of the Hickstead Derby for the last two years, is now competing in fewer grands prix. But he is very sound and very

well," Whitaker said after his win. "So he needs to be kept going — if you drop a class horse down a peg you should have a very good speed

gelding, whose career winnings are second only to Milton's, will be aimed again at the Hickstead Derby. Whitaker's ride for the big grands prix — both this week and next year — will be his King George V Gold Cup winner. Everest Midnight Madness, who was second to

last Sunday. Earlier, Roger Yves Bost, of France, the winner of the Olympia grand prix last year, held off a powerful challenge by the Everest horses when he and his French-bred stallion, Raspail, won the Christmas

Milton in the Paris grand prix

seven riders who now make up the formidable Everest team, took the early lead on Major Wager. John Whitaker. on Everest Grannusch, and Geoff Luckett, on Everest Vantage, both just failed to match his time.

But Skelton's relief was short lived. Bost, 27, is an experienced rider against the clock and loves a challenge. He and Raspail swept round the twisty course to knock 0.41 sec off Skelton's time. Volvo announced yesterday

that it is to sponsor the showjumping World Cup se-ries for a further five years from April. Its total commitment to equestrianism is now more than £2 million a year. ESULTS: Christmes Cracker Stakes: 1, sepal SF (R Y Bost, Fr), 0 faulte, 45.32sec; Everest Major Weger (N Station, GB), 0, 7/3; 3 Everest Grammach (J Whoser, B), 0, 45.37, Christmes Stocking Stakes:



Festive style: Geir Gullikson, of Norway, and Springbok negotiate a parallel in the Christmas Cracker Stakes at Olympia

FOOTBALL: GOULD CANCELS WEST BROMWICH ALBION VISIT AFTER POLICE ADVICE

## Managers demand protection after threats from supporters

By CHRIS MOORE

THE Football Managers' Association is to seek urgent talks with the police following the second case within the last two weeks of a manager being officially advised to stay away from his former club. Bobby Gould, the Coventry

City manager, was forced to cancel a television engagement at West Bromwich Albion on Tuesday night because of fears that his presence might have "provoked inci-dents" in the crowd at The Hawthorns during an FA Cup replay with Wycombe Wanderers. Gould, who was dis-missed as the manager of West Bromwich at the end of last season after a stormy 18. months at the club, was due to have assisted with the match

manager who is now in charge of Shrewsbury Town, stayed away from the FA Cup second round tie against his old club, Burnley, at Turf Moor, following threats from some of the Lancashire club's supporters. At Tuesday night's replay at Gay Meadow, Bond sat at the back of the stand

Last night, Frank Clark, the chief executive of the manag-ers' association, accused the police of "giving in to the yobs

disguised as a steward so as

not to be recognised by visiting

and thugs "We keep saying we will not give in to the IRA, but, at the same time, the police are telling us they cannot guarantee the safety of a manager at a football match," Clark said. commentary for BSkyB.

Eleven days earlier, John
Bond, the former Norwich concerned about it. Where will

know, fans will be picking on the opposition's star player. The game could become a

Clark confirmed the matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the managers' association and also with the police, before adding: "We appreciate they have a difficult job to do. In the past, they have taken extra steps to try and ensure there are no incidents, but now it would seem they are saying 'stay away' because they do not want to risk an incident."

Gould revealed he had received a telephone call from Trevor Summers, the West Bromwich chairman, advising him it would "be better" if he was not allowed into the ground.

"I was absolutely disgusted at this decision and find it very hard to swallow," Gould said.

that another football club manager is not allowed into a ground to do a job. I have een in this game a lifetime and wonder in what direction it is going. It is quite possible my club, Coventry, could be drawn against West Brom in

this season's FA Cup." Vic Wakeling, the executive producer of Sky Sports, con-firmed: "We reluctantly took the decision to pull Bobby Gould off the game not because of what West Brom were saying, but because of the discussions we had with the police, who felt that his presence might provoke incidents in the ground.

We're very sad to have to do this sort of thing, particularly as this is the second time in a couple of weeks that a manager has had to stay away from a game. But we have to

#### The Scottish League announced that the Aberdeen-Rangers game will be played on February 2 or 3. That is in addition to midweek fixtures against Dundee United and Falkirk on January 5 and 12. Rangers have already played 31 competitive games this season and only David Robertson has appeared in every

Apart from the league fix-tures, Rangers could face five

Brighton, of the Bardays League first division, have escaped, at least for the time being, the threat of a windingup order being made in the High Court. Yesterday, a hearing in the Companies Court adjourned any decision on an order until February in the action brought by the

#### **TABLE TENNIS**

## ITTF imposes solvent ban to stop threat of glue sniffing

containing "aromatic and

Top-class attacking players

paste glue on to their bats

during the last few minutes

before matches in order to

increase the speed of the ball off the rubber. However, the

health aspect is the more

worrying. "I won't go near any player who is glueing up because it makes me dizzy,"

Jill Parker, England's former

European champion, who is

now manager-coach to En-

been glue sniffing at tourna-

ments in this country though I

can't confirm it. I have child-

ren of nine and eight who play

... and I don't feel I want to

put them in an environment

where they could be at risk of

something like that. I am glad

it is being banned."

"I have heard that there has

gland's women's team, said.

THE increasing threat of glue sniffing has become sufficiently widespread in the sport that the game's governing body, the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), yesterday placed a ban on the vulcanising fluids so many players now use to paste bat rubber to blades at tour-

naments. The decision, which will take effect on January 1 and is based on reports from experts on toxicology, according to an ITTF statement, should have a considerable effect on the

nature of the game. Players, coaches or officials who contravene the rules will be liable to immediate disqualification and suspension for at least three months. Manufacturers and suppliers have been asked by the TTTF to stop marketing adhesives

An ITTF spokesperson said: "We have heard reports of a police raid on a shop in Japan. confiscating bats with glue giving bad side effects."

All glueing up will now have to be done in a designated area and a distinction may be made by the ITTF between ordinary glue, used to attach wood to rubber, and the solvents with aromatic and chlorinated ingredients, used to enhance playing properties. which will be banned.

The decision follows a proposal by Keith Powell, vicechairman of the international committee of the Scottish Table Tennis Association (STTA), who is a PhD chemist. Powell had been concerned about the effects of glue since a young Scottish player was overcome by fumes at the last Scottish championships.

## Premier League agrees sponsorship

will be at Stamford Bridge today to launch the Premier deal, with Lucozade, the drinks company (Louise Taylor writes).

The league's pre-season negotiations with Bass Charrington, the brewers, for title sponsorship broke down because of objections from some clubs already sponsored by beer companies.

The announcement comes a day after the Premier League dub chairmen rejected a proposal from Ron Noades, of

SWITZERLAND

JOHN Barnes, of Liverpool. Crystal Palace, to form a ing for a new sponsor when second division of their elite the Barciays League contract league. A meeting of the 22 runs out at the end of this Graham Kelly, the Football Association's chief executive. tell them that the FA was "unwilling to sanction the

Kelly regards the proposal as "premature". He said: "I reminded the meeting of the unsettling effect such speculation so soon after the formation of the Premier League had on the Football League and its commercial activities. The Football League is look-

"We need a period of stability, but it is a changing situation and who knows what will happen in the future. For the moment, though, let's let things bed down."

More immediately, the chairmen decided to set up a working party to explore an idea from Terry Venables, of Tottenham Hotspur, to establish an under-21 league involving all Premier League



Kelly: seeking stability

## ties — excluding replays — if they successfully defend the Scottish Cup, plus fixtures with FC Bruges on March 3 and 17, Marseilles on April 7

Rangers

suffer

new blow

FIXTURE congestion is

threatening to undermine

Rangers' chase for three tro-

phies at home and in Europe.

The postponement of yester-

day's league matri against their nearest challengers, Aberdeen was the latest blow

after an overnight blizzard rendered Pittodrie unplay-

able, but it may only be the first of many problems as they try to add the premier division title, Scottish Cup and European Cup to the Skol Cup won

in October.

Inland Revenue, who are owed \$400,000 by the

## Courier and Seles champions

JIM Courier and Monica Grand Slam Cup and all French and United States official world champions by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) yesterday (Andrew Longmore writes). For the first time, the men's champion was calculated by computer rather than by choice of the three-man panel.

Unlike the Association of Tennis Professionals' ranking system, the ITF's computer programme takes into account performances in the Davis Cup, the Olympic Games, the

Though Courier damned the Grand Slam Cup as a illtimed, misolaced exhibition and has been a lukewarm supporter of the Davis Cup. his victories in the Australian and French Opens in an impressive first half of the year were enough to earn the world No. 1 the accolade of world

champion. No system in the world could have deprived Seles, winner of the Australian, Wimbledon, of her second world championship title, while Laurent Giammartini, of France, and Monique van den Bosch, of Holland, became world wheelchair tennis champions.

The new ITF computer is not designed as yet to calculate a year-on-year ranking, while the ATP bases its rankings on a player's best 14 results in a year, which has led to strong criticism from top players.

## SHOW REPORTS

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BOXING

## Schwer in search of experience

By Srikumar Sen OXING CORRESPONDENT

BILLY Schwer, the British and Commonwealth lightweight champion, goes in search of experience tonight at the Wembley Grand Hall. He takes on Mauricio Aceves, a former World Boxing Organisation champion, from Mexico.

Apart from showing Schwer a few slick moves, Aceves should not be too much trouble for the Luton boxer. Hav-ing out-punched and outboxed Carl Crook to lift the two titles, Schwer is full of the joys of boxing. The Mexican, on the other hand, at the age of 32, appears to have lost his motivation.

Aceves was knocked out in his learning years by Roger Mayweather, the American light-welterweight, but he had some stirring battles for the world title before losing it to Dingaan Thobela. Five months earlier, in a non-title bout, the South African had stopped Aceves in seven rounds. In November 1991, he received a pasting from Todd Foster, of the United States, and retired on his stool

at the end of six rounds. He has boxed only once since that bout. He knocked out Juan Hernandez, another Mexican, in two rounds four months ago. Aceves, who has lost 11 of his 39 contests, has been stopped six times. If Schwer boxes as well as he

did against Crook, he should

prove too aggressive for the

CRICKET

## Brawls mar South African win FROM RICHARD STREETON IN DURBAN

AS SOUTH Africa clinched the one-day series with India, it became clear that it has some of the most unruly cricket crowds in the world Serious pitch invasions, fireworks thrown about and drunken brawls marred what should have been a festive occasion at Bloemfontein on

Tuesday night.

Apart from South Africa's dominance, it was also the eve of a national holiday. Known as the Day of the Vow, it remerobers Afrikaners' prayers being answered in a nineteenth century battle against

the Zulus. Security guards at the match were injured and the saddest incident came when white youths beat up three young black cricketers, who are part of the Orange Free State union's development

Dr Ali Bacher, the united cricket board's managing director, conceded that the crowd's behaviour had been unacceptable and steps would be taken to ensure there was no repetition. Previous floodlit matches, at

Cape Town, Port Elizabeth

and Verwoerdbeurg, passed

off without serious incident. The worst behaved crowd was at Pietermaritzburg. Even at The Wanderers, Johannesburg, last Sunday, warnings on the public address system that people had been burned by fireworks went unheeded. On pitch invasions, South Africa stand where England and Australia did some years ago before the problem was resolved by ejection from the ground and, sometimes, prosecution in court for offenders. South Africans, though, are reluctant to follow suit and

believe spectators still need educating on cricket behaviour following the long absence from international competition.

There is little doubt that sooner or later, South Africa will have to install high-wire fences — as India, Pakistan and West Indies did several

decades ago — to stop the crowd intruding. Security has been tightened for tonight's sixth day-night international, at Kingsmead, where crowds can be as undisciplined as anywhere. It must be uncertain that the authorities will succeed in their efforts. Sydney: Pakistan have agreed to use third umpires in their Test match and three one-day internationals in New Zealand, which start later this month. Third umpires were introduced during India's tour of South Africa. (AP)

#### Setback for Up in smoke **English**

Darren Hall, the England badminton No. 1, lost 15-5, 15-6 to Joko Suprianto, of Indonesia, in the world grand prix finals in Kuala Lumpur esterday. Anders Nielsen, the English champion, also went down in straight games, to Wu Wenkai, of China.

The biggest disappointment, however, was defeat for Gillian Gowers and her Danish mixed doubles partner, Jan Paulsen, who lost 15-7. 15-3, to Jon Holst-Christensen and Grete Mogensen.

## SPORT NOTE:

Motorcycling: The 1993 French grand prix was strapped yesterday because of the country's tough new laws on tobacco advertising. Last week, the international motor racing federation cancelled the French Formula One race.

Hoppe steps up

Bobsleighing: Wolfgang Hoppe, the double Olympic champion, ended Brian Shimer's winning streak by beating the American by 0.01sec in the World Cup four-man competition in La Plagne yesterday. Britain's first team was ninth.

## Call for trio Bowls: England have chosen

three new caps, Wendy Bark-er, Brenda Brown and Julie Thomas, for the British women's international series at Perth from March 16 to 18. Elizabeth Read, Jayne Roylance and Elizabeth Tunn are recalled.

#### Malaysia out

Hockey: Malaysia has withdrawn from the Indira Gandhi Memorial Cup in Bombay next month because of religious unrest in India. Austra-lia have already withdrawn and Holland and England are uncertain about taking part.

**OLYMPIC GAMES** 

## Major underlines his support for Games bid

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE prime minister yesterday told members of the European Parliament in Strasbourg of the British government's total support for Manchester's bid for the 2000 Olympic Games.

John Major, who was un-

reiling a plaque at a stand in the parliament's press centre to promote the bid, said there should be "no doubt about my commitment and the government's commitment". Al-though he accepted that Manchester had failed to get the 1996 Games, which were awarded to Atlanta, this time he wanted to "go for gold".

Major said that there was

nowhere better to stage the event than Manchester and that the combination of facilities, transport and sporting heritage "stack up". He added that there was still a lot of work to be done and that the government would be working hard with Bob Scott, who is heading the bid.

The government has given £55 million to help build the velodrome, indoor arena and prepare the site for the main

stadium. It has also pledged

further money if the 96 mem-

bers of the International

Olympic Committee give Manchester the Games when it votes next September. Scott told European MPs: There is great Olympic enthusiasm in a city that loves sport. All 25 Olympic sports are played in a region that boasts over 12,000 sports dubs. Manchester offers the world a classic Games, combining tradition and pageantry with a passion for sport."



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6.30 Breakfast News begins with Breakfast News until 6.55 when Streamass News Degins with breakfast News until 6.55 when Nicholas Witchell and Laune Mayer present news and topical reports with regular business, sport, weather, regional news and travel bulletins (40841746)

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9.05 Kilkroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (2718920) 9.45 Ross King. Game show (s) (8700814)

10.00 News, regional news and weather (3532920) 10.05 Playdays. For the very young, includes a visit to the Holly and Mistletoe market in Tanhury Walle (s) (0148262)

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Tenbury Wells (s) (9148263)

10.30 Good Monning... with Anne and Nick Magazine sens. presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Today's edition includes fashion news, a romantic story, television preview and a medical phone-in. With News (Ceefax), regional news and weather at 11.00 and 12.00 (48608388)

Pebble Mill. Judi Spiers hosts a special Christmas party edition of the music and chat show (s) (8416272) 12.55 Regional News and weather (65540630)

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (38494) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (21998388) 1.50 Going for Gold. Six 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceetax) (s) (21998388) 1.50 Going for Gold. So, more contestants compete for the remaining place in tomorrow's final of the general knowledge quiz. The question-master is the inimitable Henry Kalty (s) (21992104)
 2.15 Films King Crab (1980) starring Barry Newman and Jaffrey DeMurn. Stodgy TV movie about two brothers who turn their seafood business into a battlefield as they vie for the affection of their father. Directed by Marvin J. Chomsky (496253)

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4.55 Newsround (3153307) 5.05 Blue Peter presented by John Leslie, Diane Louise-Jordan and Anthea Turner. (Ceefax) (s) (5357681) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (720123). Northern Ireland: Inside Uister 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (456)

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6.30 Regional News Magazines (956). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Tony Dortle (s) (6104)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (920)
8.00 Living Dangerously: The Gueensland Strangler and the
Chainsaw Massacre, Last in the series exploring the impact of
human activity on wildlife from the point of view of animals. The story
of a fig that can throttle its host tree and of the battle to save a forest
threatened with destruction by the road-building plans of the
Queensland government. (Ceefax) (s) (2524)
8.30 Sitting Pretty. John Sullivan's brassy comedy starring Diane Bull
as a once-wealthy wife whose husband dies bankrupt, leaving her
with nothing but memories of the good life. (Ceefax) (s) (1659)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news
and weather (3712)

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Fighting native Americans: Gary Cole as Custer (9.30pm)

9.30 Son of the Morning Star. The first of a two-part dramatisation of the story of General George Armstrong Custer and his part in the Plains Indian war. Starring Gary Cole as Custer, Rosanna Arquette as his wife and Rodney A. Grant as Crazy Horse. Continues tomorrow at 9.30pm. (Ceelax) (s) (28307)
11.00 International Showfumping from the Grand Hall, Olympia. The featured event is the Modern Security Systems Bareback Puissance (c) (771562)

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11.50 Liew and Order, American crime series starring George Dundza and Christopher Noth. After an explosion at an abortion clinic prolife activists come under suspicion (r) (s) (280920)

12.40am Weather (5367944), Ends at 12.45 2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (44925). Ends

8.00 Breakfast News (5061456) 8.15 Westminster (5150543) 9.00 Film: Mighty Joe Young (1949, b/w) starring Terry Moore, Robert Amstrong and Ben Johnson. An Inferior return of the King Kong

BBC2

Armstrong and Ben Johnson. An inferior rerun of the King Kong story with Oscar-wirning special effects by Willis O'Brien and Ray Harryhausen. Directed by Ernest B. Schoedsack (27036)

10.30 Film: The File on Theima Jordan (1949, b/w).

CHOICE: A brooding, atmospheric thriller features Barbara Stanwyck in her favourite role of femme fatale, manipulating assistant district attorney Wendell Corey so that she can get away with (fierally) murder. There are echoes of another Stanwyck triumph, Double indemnity, with the essential difference that here she and her victim fall in love. The twist sustains a clever and complex plot in which the innocent Corey is sucked into events complex plot in which the innocent Corey is sucked into events beyond his control. This ironic study in fate and betrayal is a strong entry in the film noir cycle, stylishly directed by the German-American Robert Stodmak (25938340)

Master Craftsmen. A profile of furniture maker Tim Stead (r) (6182388) 12.25 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. Who or what benefits from the activities of other living things? (r) (s) (8456814) 1.20 Pigeon Street (r) (40189614) 1.35 Another War,

Another Peace narrated by Magnus Magnusson (37259036)

2.00 News and weather followed by Who's a Clever Boy? Highlights of the Talking Birds Class of the National Exhibition of Cage Birds (r) (69144340) 2.15 Advice Shop. Welfare rights magazine (6225794) 3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7527814) 3.05 Westminster Live (9984369) 3.50 News (Ceefax) and weather (6787727)

4.00 Catchword. Game for wordsmiths presented by Paul Coia (949) 4.30 Behind the Headlines. With Lord Archer and Tony Banks (s) (833) 5.00 International Showjumping from Olympia (s) (4982) 5.30 Food and Drink (f) (s) (185) 6.00 Film: The Outcast (1954) starring John Derek and Joan Evans,

6.00 Film: The Outcast (1954) starring John Derek and Joan Evans, Lively but routine western about a ternity feuri 1880s Colorado. Directed by William Witney (9934681). Wales: Hot Chefs 6.10 Getting Through 6.25 Mosaic 6.55 Achice Shop
7.25 First Sight: Racing to Disaster. Flona Oates on how the breakdown of the London Ambutance Service computer system in October could have been avoided (593727). Wales: Dad's Army, East: Matter of Fact; Miclands: Miclands Report; North, North-east and North-west: Close Up North: Southern Eye
7.55 Prisoners of Conscience. With Sir Ian McKellen (553949)
8.00 The Essential History of Europe. The sixth of the 12-pert series exploring the EC's member countries locuses on France (3494). Followed by Advent Calendar. (Ceefax)
8.30 Top Gear. The last in the series includes a visit to the La Mans 24-hour kart race (s) (2901)

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9.00 Absolutely Fabulous. Edina reluctantly celebrates her fortieth birthday. (Ceefax) (s) (8814)



Jewish settlers: Elhanan Oppenhelm and family (9.30pm

9.30 Video Diaries: Family Scenes, Stones and M-16s — a Settler's Story of Samaria.

● CHOICE: Elhanan Oppenheim is an Israeli presching an unfashlonable cause, even among some of his fellow countrymen. He and his family are among some 200,000 Jews who have settled in the occupied West Bank since it fell into Israeli hands in 1967. They take it for granted that they are reserted by the Arabs. But of greater concern to the Oppenheims is Israeli's new Labour government, which wants to stop lutther estilement and may undo what has already taken place. Shot during the nervous months leading up to the election, Oppenheim's film is a cogent record of

the settlers' hopes and fears. (69307)

10.30 Newshight with Jereny Pooman (234456)

11.15 Prisoners of Conscience. As 7.55 (681185)

11.20 Self Exposure: izkor — Slaves to Memory. Israeli film-maker Eyal Sivan questions his country's educational system which Eyal Sivan questions his country's educational system which the second (23044)

1.30 Weather (2097321). Ends at 1.40 3.00 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (91296). Ends at 4.00

continues to enforce the memory of Jewish oppression (720814) 1.00 Behind the Headlines. As 4.30 (98383)

4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (15842) 5.00 Videofashion (r) (73586) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Nellson (80147). Ends at 8.00

SKY SPORTS

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6.00 TV-am (5499307)

9.25 Keynotes. Music game show hosted by Akstelr Divall (6675814)
9.55 Regional News (9157901)
10.00 Film: Hill's Angels (1978) starring Edward Hermann and Barbara. Harris. Disney family comedy about a young priest who organises the young women of his parish rato a crime-lighting force. Directed by Bruce Bilson (57327611) 11.55 Regional News (6593562)
12.00 Cartoon (1315104) 12.10 The Riddlers. Children's puppet senes (6176727)

ITV LONDON

(6176727) 12.30 Lunchtime News with Dermot Murnaghan and Sonia Ruseler

(Oracle) Weather (1016920) 1.05 Regional News (40104123)

1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Oracle) (732036) 1.45

A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (731307) 2.15 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond takes a look behind the scenes of popular ITV and Channel 4 programmes. Barry Took dips into the archives (8) (723388) 2.45 Take the High Road. Drama senal set

in the Highlands (9688185)
3.10 ITN News headlines (7538920) 3.15 Regional News headlines (7537291) 3.20 GP. Medical drama serial set in a suburban

Australia surgery (3455524)
3.50 The Ratties (r) (9316807) 3.55 Captain Zed and the Zee Zone (s) (5716901) 4.20 Rolf's Cartoon Club. The 100th edition of the programme presented by Rolf Harris. His guest is Tommy Boyd (8891123) 4.45 Bad Influence! Last in the computer games series

5.10 Famous People, Famous Places. Quiz show presented by William G. Stewart (9333158)
 5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (608562)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (524)
6.30 Themes News (104)
7.00 Emmerdale. Drama serial set in the Yorkshire Dales (1272)
7.30 Jimmy's. Another visit to the St James's University Hospital, Leeds

8.00 The Bill: Compassion. Di Burnside and WDC Martetla investigate the murder of a prostitute and fall foul of a pushy probation officer who identifies the body as one of her clients. (Oracle) (9320)



Comedy sketches: Benny and the Hill's Angels (8.30pm)

8.30 The Benny Hill Show. Comic clips from the late cornectian's shows (s) (6727) 9.00 That Was This Week That Was. The last programme in the 36year history of the current affairs programms is a retrospective on its achievements in investigative journalism, presented by Chisa

10.00 News at Ten with Travor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather (23340) 10.30 Regional News (804814) 10.40 01. The week's featured film is Sir Richard Attenborough's Chaplin

(512746)11.15 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama sel in an Australian women's

detention centre (785765)

12.10em Alfred Hitchcock Presents. Two tales of mystery and suspense — Full Disclosure and User Deadty (4953037)

1.05 Film: Holiday for Lovers (1959) staring Clifton Webb and Jane

Wyman, Light romantic comedy about a Boston psychiatrist who takes his wife and attractive daughters on a South American holiday and spends his time fending off undesirable boy friends. Directed by Henry Levin (879586)

3.00 Lies Stansfeld — Live at We recorded in the summer (11050) nsfeld — Live at Wembley. Highlights of a concert 4.00 Motorsport Special, Racing from Thruston and Silverstone

(57031)

## VARIATIONS

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As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (3455524) 5.10-5.40 Just for Laughs (9333158) 6.25-7.00 Angle News (751185) 9.00-10.00 Film: Robbery Under June 1950-10.00 Film: Ams (1253) 10.40 Robbery Under Ams (521843) 11.40 WideAngle (598475) 12.10-1.05 Prisoner: Cell Black H (4953037)

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8.00em Step Aerobics (55271) 8.30 Anspic Gymnastes (89038) 10.30 Step Aerobics (20036) 11.00 Toyota Cup Footbell (95475) 1.00pm Garnes of Bibons (54494) 2.00 Karate (52765) 3.00 Free Sylve Sking (65386) 4.00 Equestran Jumping (77129 6.00 Snooker (9746) 6.00 Ford Sk Report (34830) 7.00 Trans World Sport (86399) 8.00 Car Racing on Ice (9123) 8.30 Eurosport News (86309) 9.00 Football 1994 World Cup Qualifiers (74036) 10.30 Boxing (19291) 11.30-12.00 Eurosport News (70820) SCREENSPORT

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (46098) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (28017) 6.00 Cartoons (46098) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (28017)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (6670369)
9.25 Film: When You're In Love (1937, b/w) starring Grace Moore and Cary Grant. Musical romance about an Australian opera singer who is faced with a marriage of convenience in order to enter the United States. Directed by Robert Riskin (24232272)
11.20 Pete Smith Specialities: Cash Stashers (b/w). The fate of people who hoard their cash in strange places (5436340)
11.30 Credo. A look at the revival of Islam in Bulgaria (4475)
12.00 The Parliament Programma presented by Anne Perkins (20253)
12.30 Sesame Street (81678) 1.30 Take 5 (69630)
2.00 Film: Wing and a Prayer (1944, b/w) starring Oon Ameche and Dana Andrews. Superior second world war drama following the

2.00 Film: Wing and a Prayer (1944, b/w) starting Uon Ameche and Dang Andrews. Superior second world war drama following the exploits of a US Navy aircraft carrier in the Pacific leading up to the battle of Midway. Directed by Henry Hathaway (252746)
3.50 Pete Smith Specialities: Sweet Memories (b/w) Happy times recalled by a family photograph album (6705123)
4.00 Short Stories: Old Pros' Paradise. A portrait of Brinsworth House, Twickenham, a retirement home for the last of the entertainers who worked the music-halls (r) (807)
4.30 Fifther To One East-moving neneral knowledge outz (s) (901)

entertainers who worked the music-halls (f) (807)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz (s) (901)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests is a nine-times married woman with her number ten fiancé (s) (6272681)
5.55 The Magic Roundsbout (f) (281185) 8.00 The Word — Access All Areas. A behind-the-scenes look at last weak's edition of The Word (s) (494) 6.30 Gamesmaster. Video games (746)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Show and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather (335456) 7.50 Comment (535098)
8.00 The Black Bag: Hanging In the Balance. British lawyer Phillip Sapsford OC prepares what could be the final appeals of two of the tongest serving immates on Jamaica's Death Row (8562)

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8.30 Survival: Lundy's Golden Mile, A look at Britain's first marine



nature reserve (4369)

9.00 Critical Eye: Facing Somalia.

© CHOICE: A French documentary about the tragic mass in Somalia was made before recent events, such as the dispatch of United States troops to protect reset supplies, but it still provides a useful background. A basic thrust of the film is how it took the west and the United Nations so long to realise the extent of the famine. To and the United Nations so long to realise the extent of the tarmine. To which the UN replies, in effect, that what with the Sudan, Mozambique and Cambooka, Somalia is unhappily not the only deserving case lighting for limited resources. Somalia's civil war which, unusually for such conflicts, is neither ethnic nor religious, has hardly helped. The programme uses satellite technology to set up a video link so that Somalis on the ground can speak directly to UN officials in New York, But person-to-person communication is

unfortunately no guarantee of effective action (2123)

10.00 The Big Battations. The final episode of the latth and fanaticism drama staming Bhan Cox and Jane Lapotaire, with Nadim Sewalha.

Orama starring shart Cox and Jane Lapolaire, with Nation Sawania.
(Teleted) (s) (5633920)

11.05 Chelmsford 123. Roman Britain comedy series (r) (s) (266630)

11.35 Family Album. The pleasures and pains of family life (442833)

12.10am Pailes. Royal soap spoof (r) (s) (1669166)

12.25 Dispatches. An investigation into the diet industry (r) (5496321)

1.10 Film: The Night Has Eyes (1942, b/w) starring Joyce Howard and James Mason. Next thriller about a teacher who takes shelter in the house of a possible murderer. Directed by Leslie Arilss (8797215).

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10.00am The Sorral Zone (89678) 10.30 Cover Story (21678) 11.30 The Joan Rivers Show (2784833) 12.13pm Sally Jessy Repirasi-(8078746) 1.10 Lunchbox (84586389) 1.40 Self-vision (45362727) 2.10 The Femily Tres (3513745) 2.00 The New Newlywed Gerre (9036) 3.30 The Bill Dens Show (5765) 4.00 Dick Van Dyke Show (5272) 4.30 Jeckpot (1456) 6.00 Concentration (8253) 8.30 Self-vision (5035) 8.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (32272) 7.00 Self-vision (488017) 10.00 Jukebox Music Videos (6537368) 2.30-3.00em Top Five (20012)

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6.55em Weether 7.00 On Air: Andrew McGregor with music, news and arts stories. Including Nielsen (Helios Overture: Swedish RSO under sa-Pekka Salonen); Bax (Russian Suite: London Philharmonic under Bryden Thomson); Couperin (Sonata L'Impériale — Les Nations:

Italiano)
9.00 Composer of the Week:
Vivaldi — Cernival and the
Theatre. Concertos from Le
Cetre. Op 9: No 1 in C. No 6
In A. No 8 in D minor: No 10 in
G; No 12 in B minor (Simon
Standage, violin; Academy of
Ancient Music Under aliano)

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10.00 Morning Sequence: Strauss
(Don Juan: Royal Liverpool
Philharmonic Orchestra under
Libor Pesek); Mocart (Hom
Ouintet in E flat, K407: Dennis
Brain: Griller Ouartet);
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perform Handel's opera seria In five acts to a libratio by Nicola Haym efter Quinault. Sung in Italian. Handel dedicated Tesso to Lord tris story of tangled relationships, hingung on the final revelation that Teseo is the son of Egeo, King of Athens. Derek Lee Ragin is

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9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze, chaired by

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(Geysir)
8.45 The Gospel According to
Plens: The Legend of the
Cross. The fourth of five talks
by Professor John White of
University College, London, on
the religious and of Piero della

8.50 The Spirit of the Dence: Skip by Chambonnières, D'Anglebert, Louis Couperin

Point and Bus: Michael Pointon presents the first of four programmes on the jazz trumpeter Bunk Johnson (r)

11.30 The Portuguese Salon; A recital given by Maria Repas Gonsalves, soprano, and Pedro Caldiera, gustar, from

the domestic repertory of Portuguese song from the year 1800 12:30-12:35am News

and Forqueray (1) 9.25 Endellion Quartet performs 10.45 Night Waves: Roy Porter reviews the play Misery, adapted from the bestseller by Stephen King, starring Bill Peterson and Sharon Gless

RADIO 4

(a) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weether 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day with Dame Christian Howard 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weether 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News

9,05 The Moral Maze, chaired by Michael Buerk (s)
9.45 An Englishmen in the Midi: In the lest in the series, John P. Harris reports on the lack of crime in Languedoc (s).
10.00-10.30 Newer; Little Women (FM only): Secrets. The fourth of a sk-part dramatisation by Marcy Kahan of Louisa May Alcott's novel. With Gayle Humicutt. Jennan Redorave

Humicutt, Jemma Redgrave and Butty Devis (s) 10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only). led by Clair Jaquiss 10.15 Paradise Lost (LW only): John Milton's poem (32/41) 10.30 Woman's Hour: Libby

Sourrier examines the sexual identity of angels. Incl 11.00 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent Correspondent .

12.00 You and Yours, with Roisin

his dog Boogle in search of the source of the River Tharnes, Starring Tamothy Spall s) 12.55 Weether 1.00 The World at One, with

Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Closed to Viaftors, by
Dawn Low-Watson. Sally, the
curator of Resolbeck Hall, re
apprehensive about allowing a apprehensive about allowing a young man entry to the museum. But she acquiesces, and fives to regret her decision, with Deborah Findlay and John Duttine (s)

3.09-4.00 Bus Stop (FM only): Last in the series with Jenni Mills and Nick Baker

3.00 Prime Minister's Questions

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(LW only) 4.00 News

that she had used her knich to strain the rice she was preparing for her husband and his mistress), and the cock-a-snook (Eleanor Bron passing

Kei Whitaker
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World
Tonight, with Sam Jaffa (s)
9.59 Westher
10.00 The World Tonight, with

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2,50 Death Flash (1986): A policement is paid for letting his wife's lover (85505):
4,26 Crash and Burn (1980): Sciencelotion soverture (527654). Ends at 6.00

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7.00em Eurobics (93989) 7.30 Grundig Global Adventure Sport (96384) 8.00 Basket-balt Bundesings (84123) 10.00 Thai Klock Box (86348) 11.00 Eurobics (66017) 11.30 Lacies Pro Bowling (24272) 12.30pm Zuidisren Show Jumpng (57746) 1.30

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6.00mm World Service: World News, 6.09
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UK GOLD

RADIO 3 European Baroque Soloisis); Beethoven (String Quartet in C minor, Op 18 No 4: Quartetto

Christopher Hogwood). Including extracts from the Journal of Edward Winght's visit to Venice in the 1720s, read by

(Geheimes Flüstem: David (Wide); Gière (String Serdet No 3 in C, Op 11: Raphael Ensemble); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 2 in C minor, Little Russian: Oslo PO under Mariss Jansons)

12.00 Schumann — The Year 1842: Fantasiestücke in A minor, Op 88 (Bonden Trio); String Quartet in A, Op 41 No 3 (Melois Quartet) (r)

1.00em News

1.00pm News 1.05 Teseo: Les Musiciens du Louvre under Marc Minkowski dedicated resolve to the death of the death Egeo, in love with his ward Agilea, but betrothed to " Medea; Julia Gooding is Agilea, a princess who loves and is loved by Tesec; Delia Jones is Medea, a princess and enchantress in love with Tesec; and Erlan James sings

Tesso 4.05 Sonate with Encores: Miciori, violin, Robert McDoneld, piano, perform Fauré (Sonata in A. Op 13); Ysays (Rêve d'enfant); Sarasate

in A. Op 13); Ysaye (Heve d'enfant); Sarasats (Zigeunerweisen); Elgar (Salut d'amour); Prokoliev, arr Helletz (March, The Love for Three Oranges); Eduard Poldini, arr Kreisler (La poupée valsante) 5.00 in Tune: David Owen Non's presents music, news, weather and arts stories 7.30 Breaking the Ice: A Celebration of Icelandic Culture, BBC Scottish SO under Richard Bernas, with Eleen Hulse; soprano, Rosemary Eliot, fluie, performs Atil Heimir Svelnsson (Hjakk); Thorkell Sigurbjomsson (Hjakk); Thorkell Sigurbjomsson (Words of Winter); Jon Leits (Geysir)

Sempe, harpsichard, performs dances and character pieces

Shostakovich (String Quartei No 8); Heydn (String Quartei in E flat, Op 71 No 3) (r) 10,15 Bunk and Bull: Michael

McAuley

12.25pm Boogle Up the River: First of a sk-part dramatisetion by Mark Wallington of his book, in which the writer sets off with

James Naughtie 1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55

4.05 Keleidoecope talks to John Godber, the founder of the Hull Truck Theatre Company, which is celebrating its twenty-first anniversary (s)
4.45 Short Story: Chidybawn, by Sean O'Faolain. Read by Kewin Flood (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weether 6.00 Sto O'Clock News
6.30 The Young Postmen, by Ben Miller, Derek discovers a plastic bangle in the post at Swansden sorting office (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 Revenge is Sweet

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OCHOICE: Eleanor Bron's
catalogue of factual country or ractual vergeance seekers includes the trivial (woman stuffing curtain-rails with prawns that rotted away and forced her two-timing lover to quit his stinking home) and the temble father shorten at the lowstriking normal and the learning (father shooting at the long-driver who killed his young son). Also, the surreal (wife's secret satisfaction at knowing

smoot (cleanor bron passing her O-level maths just to spite, the head who told her that she would not pass). Naturally, Hamlet gets a mention Analystis: Peter Hennessy chairs a discussion on public enquiries 8.45 Does He Take Sugar? with

Richard Kershaw (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Bottom Line and the Sharp End, by Fay Weldon, Read by Julie Christia

Julie Christie

11.00 Paul Temple and the
Spencer Affair. A Party of
Four The last of an eight-part
serial by Francis Durbridge
With Peter Coke and Marjone
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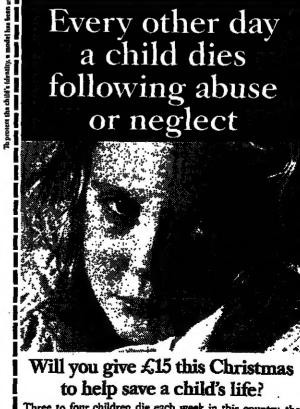
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WORLD SERVICE

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## Football Association clears Durie of faking injury

said: "We used video evidence to

press our case. It is only fair if

players that it is also enlisted to

video evidence is used to charge



GORDON Durie, the Tottenham Hotspur and Scotland forward, was yesterday cleared of feigning injury by the Football Association. On the same day, Ian Wright, the Arsenal and England forward, was told he faces a charge of misconduct by the FA for allegedly striking David Howelfs, the Tottenbarg midfield slower.

By LOUISE TAYLOR

tenham midfield player.

Durie received a three-match suspension nine weeks ago after an FA disciplinary commission found him guilty of faking injury in a Premier League match against Coventry City in August. After apparently being head-butted by Andy Pearce, the Coven-try central defender. Durie collapsed to the ground. He ap-pealed against the ban and it was

After the appeal hearing in London, Mike Wilmore, the FA public relations manager, said: The board of appeal, having accepted the finding of the original commission that contact may have occurred between Durie and the opposing player, concluded that Durie did not feign an injury. The appeal was upheld."

Durie, 27, was defended by Gordon Taylor, chief executive of

support players in cases like this." Video evidence had been viewed nine weeks ago yet was obviously looked at in a different light Contact seemingly having been established, the case clearly hinged

on the interpretation of that

The original commission in October said that it had decided:
"The amount of contact did not

about the degree of contact.

Durie emerged from the two-hour hearing and said: "I'm pleased it's all over." Venables said: "I'm really thrilled for Gor-don because he has been

suffering."

Wright, 29, appeared to punch
Howels in the 66th minute of
Arsenal's 1-0 defeat against Tottenham last Saturday.

Mike Wilmore, the FA public relations manager, said: "We have studied film of the incident and

the Professional Footballers' Asso-ciation, and Terry Venables, chief executive of Tottenham. Taylor refused to say why they disagreed to strike, an opponent." Wright faces a lengthy ban, which could also harm his Eng-

land future. He has 14 days to answer the charge but, whatever answer the charge but, whatever happens, he must appear.

"When a referee reports a player, the case can be dealt with by correspondence," an FA official explained. "But it is different when a charge is based on video evidence. It is only fair that Wright sees the same evidence as the

sees the same evidence as the members of the commission." Alf Buksh, the referee, appeared to miss the flare-up. Howells and Wright were still lectured by him but neither was booked.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said: "Ian states categorically that he did not punch the player." Yet he has hinted he may take internal club action against

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Alan Gough, the Fulham goal-keeper, was yesterday charged with technical assault on a referee and banned from all football until an FA disciplinary hearing next year. He was sent off in the 3-3 Autoglass Trophy draw with Gillingham nine days ago after appearing to grab David Axcell

## Van Vossen eases Holland's fears

FROM STUART JONES

sponded to the fear that they might be on the brink of going out of the next World Cup. Peter van Vossen, one of their lesser lights, eventually steered them through the driving wind, lancing sleet and clinging mud to safety.

With two goals, the histrionic centre forward earned them

a victory that lifted them level on points with Poland and England in group two of the qualifying stages for the 1994 finals in the United States.

Turkey, though they were otherwise more than an equal match, could not apply the necessary finishing touch to their more plentiful attacks.

Holland insisted on their arrival that a new team would be built if the present represen-

sluggish start. A defeat in Norway and an unconvincing draw at home against Poland had left them above only San

Marino in the table. In view of their fragile temperament, a collection of some of the most talented players in the world might

have been performing together for the last time.

Koeman, Rijkaard, Gullit and van Basten will be too old to compete in the next Euro-pean championship, in four

opportunity to shape his destiny. The most complete centre forward in the world and the prolific leader of AC Milan's attack was withdrawn with a damaged hamstring. His place was offered to a debutante, the innocuous Viscaal.

Although Koeman operated in his usual role as sweeper, Rijkzard was reduced to acting as a central defensive marker rather than decorating the game in midfield.

Gullit, who has completed only four of Milan's games

this season, was also given a largely peripheral part to play.
Unable to consistently keep
his footing on the sodden
surface, he slid around on the

right flank. Although he illuminated an explosive three minutes in the second half, and extended Holland's lead, it was sadly evident that his once dazzling talent is in sharp

> So are Holland as a whole, albeit to a lesser extent. In the foul conditions, on the shores of the Bosphorus, they were at times plodding in the wake of Turkey, who were dismissed 4-0 at Wembley last month. England's emphatic win was put in sharper perspective in front of Graham Taylor, who was here on a spying mission. He found the result particu-

larly disheartening. "If you picked a sequence of results, that would be the worst for us," he said. "The Dutch will be very pleased about that but how did the Turks not score three or four?" Many were

asking the same question. Holland, who visit Wembley at the end of April, were considered to be favourities to claim one of the two qualifying places in group two. Instead, Norway, taking advantage of four early fixtured. substantial lead.

Turkey, showing only two changes from the side that fell under Gascoigne's spell at Wembley, displayed their imbuild-ups, which habitually came to nought. Having scorned half a dozen promising chances, they found themselves behind shortly before the hour when van Vossen evaded Hayrettin and swept

in his first goal.
Gullit immediately sidefooted the Dutch further ahead, but the deficit was reduced almost instantly by Feyyaz, a substitute. That, though, was effectively Turkey's parting blow. Thereafter, their heads bowed to the inevitable, which was realised in the last couple of minutes by

van Vossen.
Thus Holland achieved their first triumph in Turkey. England, who won 8-0 here less than a decade ago, will be returning at the end of March. At least the temperature will not be freezing and the conditions unlikely to be as

(SUL): Fide Goey, S Slooy, W Jonk (sul): Fide Boerl, R Koemen, Rob Waschge, J Wouters, A Winter (sub): A Numen), F Rijkeerd, P van Vossen, R Guilit, E Viscell.



Fading talent: Rijkaard's contribution to the Dutch cause is nearing its end

## Ipswich's run of home success BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Kiwomya extends

at Portman Road ended Aston Villa's interest in the cup on Tuesday night.

Kiwomya, who had been confined to bed with flu 24 hours before the replay, has scored 11 times this season. The move was one we have worked on in training. Usually I put them way over the bar," he said. Ipswich, last beaten at home in March, by Watford, look the likelier side to progress to the semi-finals on

Looking ahead to the game against Sheffield Wednesday, Kiwomya added: "We drew I-I at their place not long ago in an entertaining game and we're looking forward to get-ting them back to our place." Villa, without their injured

top scorer, Dalian Atkinson, suffered another blow when his replacement, Cyrille Regis. limped off after 15 minutes.

the GM Vanxhall Conference. matched West Bromwich Albion in every department for 82 minutes at The Hawthorns on Tuedsay before their grip on a stirring FA Cup secondround replay was broken. The second division club's reward for a 1-0 victory will be a home tie against West Ham United in the new year. Bob Taylor scored the decisive goal with a

CHRIS Kiwomya, the striker whose goals at Villa Park earned Ipswich Town their replay in the Coca-Cola Cup fourth round, scored again to lead his side to a home quarter-final tie against Shefield Wednesday in the new year. His close-range header from a corner after 57 minutes at Portman Road ended Aston. who said the club was still haunted by the upset defeat by Woking two seasons ago. The tension has now gone. We will be a much different team against West Ham." he

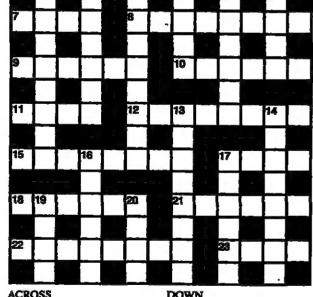
Exeter City were beaten 5-2 at home to Swansea City in an FA Cup second-round tie. The Welsh side can now savour a home match against Oxford

Carl Griffiths's eighteenth goal of the season, in the 73rd minute at Gay Mesdow, pro-vided Shrewsbury Town with a 1-0 second-round replay lead against Barnley, who had John Deary dismissed for violent conduct.

But the Lancastrian side saved their best until last, scoring in the 87th minute through John Pender and in the 89th from Mike Conroy. Burnley go to Bramali Lane to v Shelfield United in third round.

Financially-stricken Northampton Town ended Bath City's hopes of a giant-killing run with a 3-0 victory, and meet Rotherham United at home. Manchester United must wait until Tuesday to discover the identity of their third-round opponents. They will be either Wigan Athletic or Bury, who drew 1-1.

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Solution on page 32.

By PHILIP HOWARD

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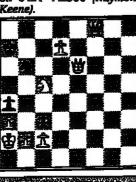
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b. The Yugoslav secret police

## Bad weather takes a heavy toll Luckily, the crew managed to save their mast. The skip-

By BARRY PICKTHALL

THE Southern Ocean finally gave the British Steel Challenge crews a taste of how ferocious it can be yesterday and left two yachts damaged and a crewman on another with a broken collarbone. The worst affected was Brit-

ish Steel II, which was left dismasted 2,300 miles west of Cape Horn midway across the Pacific. Its skipper, Richard Tudor, reported that he and his crew were sailing at eight knots close-hauled into a 30 knot westerly wind when the rigging screw tensioning the starboard lower shroud snapped. The mast broke at deck level and was disched overboard by the crew, along with all standing rigging and sails to avoid further damage. This was the sixth

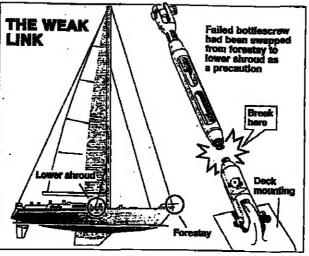
Norsman-Gibb rigging screw to break among this tenstrong fleet of identical yachts during the second stage of this race around the world. It was followed, less than an hour later, by another rigging breakage on Hofbrau Lager when her aft lower shroud also

per. Pete Goss, reported: "The rig seems OK, but we have been forced to tack and limp north due to heavy weather. Winds have been gusting up to 69 knots across the deck and seas are very

rough."
The injured crewman was Geraint Lewis, who fell from his bunk aboard Coopers & Lybrand when the lee cloth gave way. After discussions

with doctors on Rhone-Pou-lenc, Commercial Union and Hofbräu Lager, his injury was identified as a broken collar Last night, he was lying strapped up in his bunk and

taking pills to relieve the pain. The irony for Tudor and his British Steel crew, who had been leading this race on elapsed time, is that they had done everything possible to avoid what their skipper described a week ago as "a



time bomb waiting to go off on each boat". They had taken the precaution of swapping the bottlescrew holding the forestay which had failed on other yachts with one attached to the lower side shroud where the loadings are far less. Unknown to them, however, the suspect screw was already close to failing and the inevitable happened yesterday at 10.15GMT.

According to Andrew Rob-erts, the technical director for the race, the crew has sufficient fuel to motor no more than 400-500 miles. That leaves them 2,000 miles short of Wellington, New Zealand, the closest port with facilities to fly in a new mast.

With two spinnaker poles and the main boom, the crew will be able to set up a jury rig of sorts, but the favourable trade winds are at least 700 miles to their north. ITIMES TO THEIT FIORTH.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 15.00GMT yesterday, with miles to Hobert): 1, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 3,002 miles; 2, Nuclear Sectic U. Chilanden), 3,034; 3, British Steel II (R Tudor), 3,061; 4, Hotbrau Lager (P Goss), 3,121; 5, Coopers & Lybrand (V Chemy), 3,268; 6, Heath Insured (A Donoveri), 3,211; 7, Group 4 Securities (M Golding), 3,252; 8, Pride of Teesside (I Med-Gillyray), 3,355; 9, Interspriny (P



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